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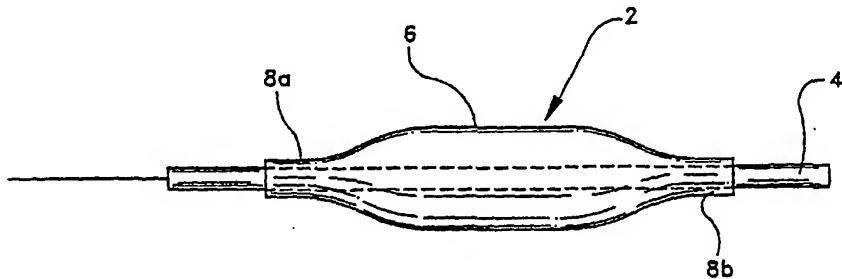
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(54) Title: DILATATION BALLOONS CONTAINING POLYESTERETHERAMIDE COPOLYMER



(57) Abstract

Disclosed is a dilatation balloon having a single layer containing polyesteretheramide copolymer. The dilatation balloon may also contain polyamide and/or additional polymers, and may contain substantially no polyetheramide having substantially no ester linkages.

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**DILATATION BALLOONS CONTAINING
POLYESTERETHERAMIDE COPOLYMER**
Background of the Invention

The present invention is generally directed to
5 dilatation balloons containing polyesteretheramide
copolymer.

The use of balloon catheters for coronary
angioplasty is known in the art. In an angioplasty
procedure, a partially occluded blood vessel, i.e., one
10 containing a stenosis, is treated by the use of an
expanding balloon member which presses the stenosis back
against the vessel wall. Typically, the expander member
or balloon is carried on the distal end of a dilatation
catheter which is routed through the vascular system to a
15 location within, for example, a coronary artery
containing a stenotic lesion. Following placement of the
expander member across the lesion as desired, fluid is
introduced into the proximal end of the catheter to
inflate the expander member to a relatively high
20 pressure, thereby restoring patency to the vessel.

Coronary angioplasty procedures and angioplasty devices
are described in detail in Vliestra et al., "Coronary
Balloon Angioplasty," Blackwell Scientific Publications
(1994).

25 Medical balloons that are known in the art are
disclosed in the following documents: U.S. Patent Nos.
4 964 853 and 4 994 032 to Sugiyama et al; U.S. Patents
No. 4 906 244, 5 108 415, 5 156 612, 5 236 659, and
5 304 197, to Pinchuk et al; U.S. Patent Nos. 5 226 880
30 and 5 334 148 to Martin; U.S. Patent No. 5 250 069 to

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al.; European Patent Application No. 0 566 755; and
Japanese laid-open patent application No. 58-188463.
(All documents cited herein, including the foregoing, are
incorporated herein in their entirities for all
purposes.)

5 It is an object of the present invention to provide
a balloon for an angioplasty device which is made, at
least in part, of polyesteretheramide copolymer.

10 Other objects and advantages of the invention will
become apparent to those skilled in the art through
familiarization with the specification and claims herein.

15 Summary of the Invention
In sum, the present invention relates to a balloon
layer. The layer may have from about 20 to about 100
weight percent polyesteretheramide copolymer and from
about 0 to about 80 weight percent polyamide. The layer
contains substantially no polyetheramide copolymer and from
substantially no ester linkages. The polyesteretheramide
copolymer may be a block or random copolymer. The
polyesteretheramide copolymer may have a hardness of from
about 45 Shore D to about 78 Shore D, preferably from
about 55 Shore D to about 72 Shore D. Even more preferably,
from about 63 to about 75 Shore D, and more preferably
selected from about 63 Shore D, about 70 Shore D, and
about 72 Shore D. The single polymeric layer may have a hardness
at least about 2 weight percent polyamide such as nylon
12, nylon 11, nylon 6, nylon 6/6, nylon 4/6, and

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combinations thereof. The single polymeric layer may further contain at least about 2 weight percent polymer such as polyester copolymer, polyurethane copolymer, polyethylene, and combinations thereof. The polymeric
5 layer may have at least about 40 weight percent polyesteretheramide copolymer and more preferably at least about 80 weight percent polyesteretheramide copolymer. The balloon may have from about 20 to about 80 weight percent nylon 12 and about 20 to about 80 weight
10 percent polyesteretheramide copolymer, preferably about 60 weight percent nylon 12 and about 40 weight percent polyesteretheramide copolymer. Alternatively, the balloon may have about 25 to about 80 weight percent nylon 4/6 and about 20 to about 75 weight percent
15 polyesteretheramide copolymer, preferably about 65 weight percent nylon 4/6 and about 35 weight percent polyesteretheramide copolymer.

The present invention also relates to a balloon for an angioplasty device having a single polymeric layer
20 consisting essentially of a polyesteretheramide copolymer. The polyesteretheramide copolymer may be a block or random copolymer. The polyesteretheramide copolymer may have a hardness of from about 45 Shore D to about 78 Shore D, preferably from about 55 Shore D to
25 about 75 Shore D, and more preferably about 63 to about 72 Shore D. Even more preferably the polyesteretheramide copolymer may have a hardness selected from 63 Shore D, 70 Shore D, and 72 Shore D. The balloon may consist of polyesteretheramide.

The present invention also relates to a balloon for an angioplasty device having a single polymeric layer having (a) at least 91 weight percent polyesteretheramide copolymer, (b) from 0 to 9 weight percent polyamide, and 5 (c) from 0 to 9 weight percent of a polymer other than polyesteretheramide and polyamide. The balloon may have at least about 95 weight percent polyesteretheramide copolymer.

Description of the Drawings

10 FIG. 1 is a perspective view of an expander member of the present invention joined to the distal end of a catheter;

FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional view of a balloon form used to make expander members of the present invention;

15 FIG. 3 is a schematic view of a mold apparatus used to make expander members of the present invention;

FIG. 4 shows a response surface that details the effects of processing variables and material selection on balloon wall thickness for PEBAX 6333 balloons;

20 FIG. 5 shows a response surface that details the effects of processing variables and material selection on balloon burst pressure for PEBAX 6333 balloons;

FIG. 6 shows a response surface that details the effects of processing variables and material selection on 25 balloon K-stat for PEBAX 6333 balloons;

FIG. 7 shows a response surface that details the effects of processing variables and material selection on balloon hoop stress for PEBAX 6333 balloons;

FIG. 8 shows a response surface that details the effects of processing variables and material selection on balloon wall thickness for PEBAX 7033 balloons;

5 FIG. 9 shows a response surface that details the effects of processing variables and material selection on balloon burst pressure for PEBAX 7033 balloons;

FIG. 10 shows a response surface that details the effects of processing variables and material selection on balloon K-stat 7033 for PEBAX 7033 balloons;

10 FIG. 11 shows a response surface that details the effects of processing variables and material selection on balloon hoop stress for PEBAX 7033 balloons;

FIG. 12 shows a response surface that details the effects of processing variables and material selection on 15 balloon wall thickness for PEBAX 7233 balloons;

FIG. 13 shows a response surface that details the effects of processing variables and material selection on balloon burst pressure for PEBAX 7233 balloons;

20 FIG. 14 shows a response surface that details the effects of processing variables and material selection on balloon K-stat for PEBAX 7233 balloons; and

FIG. 15 shows a response surface that details the effects of processing variables and material selection on balloon hoop stress for PEBAX 7233 balloons.

25 Description of the Preferred Embodiments

With reference to FIG. 1, expander member 2 is attached to the distal end of a catheter shaft 4. The expander member 2, otherwise known as a balloon, has a single polymeric layer 6 which surrounds the catheter 30 shaft 4. The expander member 2 shown is bonded at two

bonding sites 8a,b by thermal bonding, by laser bonding, with adhesives, or by other methods known in the art.

The expander members of the present invention contain polyesteretheramide copolymer. The structure of 5 these polymers consists of regular and linear chains of rigid polyamide blocks and flexible polyether blocks. Such copolymers may be described by the following formula:



where PA is a polyamide block; and

where PE is a polyether block.

Polyesteretheramide copolymer materials are sold 15 under the trademark PEBAX by Atochem Inc. of Glen Rock, New Jersey. Properties of several grades of PEBAX are disclosed in Atochem's brochure entitled "PEBAX Polyether Block Amide" (December 1987).

The expander member of the present invention may 20 contain polyamide. Polyamide materials include nylon 12, nylon 11, nylon 6, nylon 6/6, and nylon 4/6. Such materials are sold under the trademark ZYTEL[®] by Dupont.

The expander member of the present invention may further contain a polymer other than polyesteretheramide 25 copolymer or polyamide, such as polyester copolymer, polyurethane copolymer, polyethylene, and combinations thereof.

The single polymeric layer making up the expander member may be a blend of suitable materials. Such a 30 blend may be created by mixing the desired resins and

then extruding these resins to form a parison. The single layer can also be a graft copolymer. Such a graft copolymer can be formed, for example, by reacting polyamide (such as Nylon 12) with polyphenylether graft 5 maleic anhydride (PPE-graft-MA). So called polymer alloys, and the like, are also included within the purview of this application.

The expander member of the present invention may be formed by first generating a parison in an extruder. The 10 parison will typically have an inside diameter of from about .01 to .031 inches (0.025 to 0.079 cm), and a wall thickness of from about .0035 to .015 inches (.0089 to 0.038 cm).

Hot water treated molding devices may then be 15 utilized to blow mold the expander members of the present invention. Tubing of the desired material and having a required size and thickness is inserted into a balloon processing mold and heated to a temperature of from about 200-212°F (93-100°C). Weight may be added to the mold as 20 desired. The tubing is subjected to longitudinal tension and high-pressure nitrogen 380-500 psi is introduced into the tubing in the mold. The mold remains in a hot water bath for a predetermined period of time of from about 10-45 seconds, preferably 25 seconds. The mold is then 25 removed and placed in a cooling pot for a predetermined period of time of from about 20-40 seconds, preferably 30 seconds, after which the mold may be opened and the balloon removed.

In an alternative process, the balloons are formed 30 in balloon blow molding machines. The tubing is inserted

into the mold and the ends of the tubing secured into mold gaskets. The tubing is thereafter heated in the range of 190-220°F (87-104°C) for about 10 to 45 seconds, preferably 25-30 seconds, and the heated tubing is
5 subjected to longitudinal tension and expanded 1-2 times its length in the axial direction. The stretched tubing is pressurized with nitrogen in the range of about 350-500 psi and heat treated in the mold for about 10-20 seconds at about 250-280°F (121-138°C), preferably about
10 260-270°F (127-132°C). The mold is then cooled to room temperature and allowed to set at room temperature in the mold under pressure for approximately 10 to 15 seconds.
Thereafter, the system can be depressurized and the balloon removed from the mold.

15 Examples

Balloons were made of polyesteretheramide block copolymer and then tested to determine certain characteristics.

Examples 1-180

20 180 balloons were made according to the following process:

Parisons of 100 weight percent polyesteretheramide block copolymer were extruded. The parisons had inside diameters of about .015 inches to about .023 inches, wall
25 thicknesses of about .006 inches to about .010 inches, and lengths of about 18 inches.

The parisons were placed in the mold apparatus illustrated in FIGS. 2 and 3. As shown in FIG. 2, the balloon form 8 had a void 10 corresponding to the final
30 shape of the expander member. The void was made up by a

proximal form 24, a body form 26, and a distal form 28. With reference to FIG. 3, the distal end of the parison was inserted into the proximal end 14 of the mold apparatus 12, and pushed through the proximal form 24, 5 the body form 26, and the distal form 28 until it exited the distal end 16 of the mold section. Cap 18 was then placed over the distal end 16 of the apparatus 12 thereby clamping and sealing the distal end of the parison. The mold was then placed in a handle 20 such that the 10 proximal end of the parison freely extended from the handle 20. Weights 22 were then placed over the proximal end of the parison and onto the mold.

The open proximal end of the parison was then connected to a pressurized nitrogen source by a Touhy 15 Borst clamp. The nitrogen source was capable of achieving maximum pressures of 1,000 psi. The nitrogen source was then opened to varying degrees of between 350-500 psi and the mold was placed in a bath of hot water (212°F). The hot water bath warmed the parison. The 20 freely extending proximal end of the parison was held by hand such that only about the distal form 28 was under water, until the mold dropped due to longitudinal stretching and the distal end of the parison expanded radially (about 15-30 seconds). Still holding the mold 25 by hand, the mold continued to drop until it was entirely under water and the proximal end of the balloon expanded radially (about an additional 1-10 seconds).

The mold was then removed from the hot water bath and placed in a cold water bath of about 60-75°F for

about 30 seconds. The nitrogen was then shut off, and the balloon was removed from the mold.

The balloons were tested by attaching the balloons to a pressurized nitrogen source in a 37°C water bath, 5 expanding the balloons under several predetermined pressures of nitrogen (50 psi, 100 psi, 150 psi, and burst pressure), and then measuring several dimensions and the burst pressure of the balloons. Dimensions were measured with a snap gauge.

10 Tables 1-18 below list certain parameters of the process utilized to make the subject balloons (hot pot temperature, cold pot temperature, weight added to mold, and nitrogen pressure). The tables also show results of the testing of the expander members. K stat was 15 calculated as follows: (Burst pressure)-((K Stat)(Burst Pressure Standard Deviation)). Hoop stress was calculated as follows: (Balloon Burst Pressure) (Balloon Diameter)/(2)(Balloon Wall Thickness).

PARAMETERS:

HOT POT: 212° F.
 COLD POT: ROOM TEMP.
 WEIGHT: 250 GRAMS
 NITROGEN 400 PSI

Table 1

PEBAX GRADE: 6333

BALLOON DIMENSIONS (diameter x length): 3 x 20 mm

Balloon No.	Double Centerwall Thickness (inches)	Double Proximal Wall Thickness (inches)	Double Distal Wall Thickness (inches)	Measured ID/OD (inches)	Diameter 50 psi (inches)	Diameter 100 psi (inches)	Diameter 150 psi (inches)	Diameter 150 psi (inches)	Burst Pressure (psi)
1	0.001250	0.001300	0.001250	.017x.031	0.1120	0.1200	0.1260	0.1260	255
2	0.001350	0.001300	0.001300	.017x.031	0.1120	0.1200	0.1250	0.1250	266
3	0.001400	0.001300	0.001300	.017x.031	0.1125	0.1210	0.1250	0.1250	269
4	0.001300	0.001400	0.001250	.017x.031	0.1120	0.1200	0.1250	0.1250	270
5	0.001350	0.001400	0.001300	.017x.031	0.1130	0.1200	0.1260	0.1260	270
6	0.001350	0.001400	0.001300	.017x.031					252
7	0.001350	0.001400	0.001300	.017x.031					268
8	0.001300	0.001400	0.001300	.017x.031					270
9	0.001300	0.001350	0.001300	.017x.031					268
10	0.001350	0.001450	0.001300	.017x.031					280
Average	0.001330	0.001370	0.001290	.017x.031	0.11230	0.12020	0.12540	0.12540	266.8
Standard	4.2164E-05	5.37484E-05	2.10819E-05		0.000447	0.000447	0.000548	0.000548	7.9693859

Calculated K-stat (psi): 225.3353
 Calculated Hoop Stress (psi): 24112

Table 2

PEBAX GRADE: 6333

BALLOON DIMENSIONS (diameter x length): 3 x 20 mm

PARAMETERS:

HOT POT: 212° F.
 COLD POT: ROOM TEMP.
 WEIGHT: 300 GRAMS
 NITROGEN 480 PSI

Balloon No.	Double Centerwall Thickness (inches)	Double Proximal Wall Thickness (inches)	Double Distal Wall Thickness (inches)	Measured ID/OD (inches)	Diameter 50 psi (inches)	Diameter 100 psi (inches)	Diameter 150 psi (inches)	Burst Pressure (psi)
11	0.00190	0.00190	0.00190	.015X.035	0.1080	0.1180	0.1230	300
12	0.00180	0.00185	0.00180	.015X.035	0.1090	0.1180	0.1220	275
13	0.00170	0.00185	0.00165	.015X.035	0.1090	0.1180	0.1220	296
14	0.00180	0.00180	0.00180	.015X.035	0.1075	0.1170	0.1220	285
15	0.00190	0.00195	0.00170	.015X.035	0.1080	0.1180	0.1220	285
16	0.00180	0.00185	0.00160	.015X.035				300
17	0.00180	0.00180	0.00180	.015X.035				293
18	0.00190	0.00185	0.00170	.015X.035				315
19	0.00185	0.00180	0.00165	.015X.035				285
20	0.00170	0.00170	0.00170	.015X.035				285
Average	0.001815	0.001835	0.00173	.015X.035	0.1083	0.1178	0.1222	291.9
Standard	7.47E-05	6.687E-05	9.18937E-05		0.000671	0.000447	0.000447	11.3474

Calculated K-stat (psi):
 Calculated Hoop Stress (psi):

232.8587
 28594

PEBAX GRADE: 6333
BALLOON DIMENSIONS (diameter x length): 3 x 20 mm

PARAMETERS:

HOT POT: 212° F.
COLD POT: ROOM TEMP.
WEIGHT: 250 GRAMS
NITROGEN 440 PSI

Double Centerwall Thickness (inches)	Double Proximal Wall Thickness (inches)	Double Distal Wall Thickness (inches)	Measured ID/OD (inches)	Diameter 50 psi (inches)	Diameter 100 psi (inches)	Diameter 150 psi (inches)	Burst Pressure (psi)
21	0.00170	0.00170	.017X.034	0.110	0.121	0.125	293
22	0.00160	0.00160	.017X.034	0.111	0.120	0.126	270
23	0.00170	0.00170	.017X.034	0.111	0.120	0.125	293
24	0.00170	0.00170	.017X.034	0.110	0.121	0.125	291
25	0.00160	0.00160	.017X.034	0.110	0.121	0.125	293
26	0.00155	0.00150	.017X.034				283
27	0.00170	0.00170	.017X.034				293
28	0.00160	0.00160	.017X.034				293
29	0.00170	0.00170	.017X.034				287
30	0.00170	0.00170	.017X.034				293
Average	0.001655	0.001650	.017X.034	0.11040	0.12060	0.12520	288.9
Standard	5.99E-05	7.071E-05	7.07107E-05	0.000548	0.000548	0.000447	7.460265

Calculated K-stat (psi): 250.0842
Calculated Hoop Stress (psi): 21052

Table 4

PEBAX GRADE: 6333

BALLOON DIMENSIONS (diameter x length): 3 x 20 mm

PARAMETERS:

HOT POT: 210° F.
 COLD POT: ROOM TEMP.
 WEIGHT: 300 GRAMS
 NITROGEN 320 PSI

Balloon No.	Double Centerwall Thickness (inches)	Double Proximal Wall Thickness (inches)	Double Distal Wall Thickness (inches)	Measured ID/OD (inches)	Diameter 50 psi (inches)	Diameter 100 psi (inches)	Diameter 150 psi (inches)	Diameter (inches)	Burst Pressure (psi)
31	0.00140	0.00140	0.00140	.020X.032	0.117	0.123	0.128	0.123	251
32	0.00140	0.00140	0.00140	.020X.032	0.117	0.123	0.129	0.123	249
33	0.00125	0.00125	0.00120	.020X.032	0.117	0.123	0.129	0.123	253
34	0.00135	0.00130	0.00120	.020X.032	0.116	0.123	0.129	0.123	251
35	0.00140	0.00130	0.00130	.020X.032	0.116	0.123	0.128	0.123	253
36	0.00140	0.00140	0.00135	.020X.032					243
37	0.00140	0.00135	0.00135	.020X.032					223
38	0.00130	0.00130	0.00130	.020X.032					253
39	0.00135	0.00135	0.00135	.020X.032					223
40	0.00135	0.00135	0.00125	.020X.032					253
Average	0.001360	0.00134	0.0013100	.020X.032	0.1166	0.123	0.1286	0.123	245.2
Standard	5.16E-05	5.164E-05	7.37865E-05		0.000548	1.86E-09	0.000548	12.0904	

Calculated K-stat (psi): 182.2936
 Calculated Hoop Stress (psi): 22176

Table 5

PEBAX GRADE: 6333
BALLOON DIMENSIONS (diameter x length): 3 x 20 mm

PARAMETERS:

HOT POT: 210° F.
 COLD POT: ROOM TEMP.
 WEIGHT: 350 GRAMS
 NITROGEN 400 PSI

Double Centerwall Thickness (inches)	Double Proximal Wall Thickness (inches)	Double Distal Wall Thickness (inches)	Measured ID/OD ... (inches)	Diameter 50 psi (inches)	Diameter 100 psi (inches)	Diameter 150 psi (inches)	i	j	Burst Pressure (psi)
0.00160	0.00160	0.00160	0.020X.035	0.115	0.125	0.130	253		
41	0.00170	0.00170	0.020X.035	0.117	0.125	0.130		263	
42	0.00170	0.00170	0.020X.035	0.117	0.125	0.130		269	
43	0.00160	0.00170	0.020X.035	0.117	0.125	0.130		269	
44	0.00140	0.00150	0.020X.035	0.118	0.126	0.131		253	
45	0.00145	0.00155	0.020X.035	0.114	0.123	0.129		250	
45	0.00160	0.00160	0.020X.035					269	
47	0.00150	0.00150	0.020X.035					268	
48	0.00140	0.00140	0.020X.035					239	
49	0.00150	0.00150	0.020X.035					257	
50	0.00150	0.00150	0.020X.035					257	
Average	0.001525	0.001555	0.001540	0.020X.035	0.1162	0.1248	0.13	257.8	
Standard	9.79E-05	9.56E-05	0.000107497		0.001643	0.001095	0.000107	9.681598	

Calculated K-stat (psi): 207.4266
 Calculated Hoop Stress (psi): 21097

Table 6

PEBAX GRADE: 6333**BALLOON DIMENSIONS (diameter x length): 3 x 20 mm****PARAMETERS:**

HOT POT: 200° F.
 COLD POT: ROOM TEMP.
 WEIGHT: 250 GRAMS
 NITROGEN 400 PSI

Balloon No.	Double Centrwall Thickness (inches)	Double Proximal Wall Thickness (inches)	Double Distal Wall Thickness (inches)	Measured ID/OD (inches)	Diameter 50 psi (inches)	Diameter 100 psi (inches)	Diameter 150 psi (inches)	j	Diameter 150 psi (inches)	Burst Pressure (psi)
51	0.00165	0.00165	0.0016	.023X.035	0.118	0.127	0.136	223		
52	0.00130	0.00130	0.0013	.023X.035	0.118	0.130	0.138	223		
53	0.00130	0.00140	0.0013	.023X.035	0.117	0.127	0.135	239		
54	0.00140	0.00140	0.0014	.023X.035	0.118	0.128	0.136	239		
55	0.00150	0.00160	0.0016	.023X.035	0.118	0.127	0.136	239		
56	0.00150	0.00150	0.0015	.023X.035				250		
57	0.00140	0.00140	0.0014	.023X.035				250		
58	0.00130	0.00130	0.0013	.023X.035				238		
59	0.00130	0.00130	0.0013	.023X.035				253		
60	0.00130	0.00130	0.0013	.023X.035				239		
Average	0.001395	0.001415	0.0014	.023X.035	0.1178	0.1278	0.1362	239.3		
Standard	0.000121	0.0001292	0.000124722		0.000447	0.001304	0.001095	10.27456		
					185.8414					
					21922					

Calculated K-stat (psi):
 Calculated Hoop Stress (psi):

185.8414
 21922

Table 7

PEBAX GRADE: 6333**BALLOON DIMENSIONS (diameter x length): 3 x 20 mm****PARAMETERS:**

HOT POT: 210° F.
 COLD POT: ROOM TEMP.
 WEIGHT: 350 GRAMS
 NITROGEN 420 PSI

Balloon No.	Double Centerwall Thickness (inches)	Double Proximal Wall Thickness (inches)	Double Distal Wall Thickness (inches)	Measured ID/OD (inches)	Diameter 50 psi (inches)	Diameter 100 psi (inches)	Diameter 150 psi (inches)	Diameter 175 psi (inches)	Burst Pressure (psi)
61	0.00150	0.00150	0.0015	.023X.038	0.118	0.126	0.134	0.142	253
62	0.00150	0.00150	0.0015	.023X.038	0.119	0.126	0.135	0.143	253
63	0.00160	0.00160	0.0016	.023X.038	0.121	0.130	0.138	0.146	260
64	0.00160	0.00160	0.0016	.023X.038	0.120	0.127	0.135	0.143	245
65	0.00140	0.00140	0.0014	.023X.038	0.120	0.127	0.139	0.147	253
66	0.00160	0.00160	0.0015	.023X.038					253
67	0.00160	0.00160	0.0016	.023X.038					253
68	0.00160	0.00160	0.0016	.023X.038					263
69	0.00170	0.00170	0.0017	.023X.038					253
70	0.00145	0.00145	0.0015	.023X.038					258
Average	0.001555	0.001555	0.00155	.023X.038	0.1196	0.1272	0.1368	0.1454	254.4
Standard	8.96E-05	8.96E-05	8.49837E-05		0.00114	0.001643	0.002168	0.926121	

Calculated K-stat (psi): 228.7694
 Calculated Hoop Stress (psi): 20810

Table 8

PEBAX GRADE: 7033

BALLOON DIMENSIONS (diameter x length): 3 x 20 mm

PARAMETERS:

HOT POT: 212° F.
 COLD POT: ROOM TEMP.
 WEIGHT: 250 GRAMS
 NITROGEN 460 PSI

Balloon No.	Double Centerwall Thickness (inches)	Double Proximal Wall Thickness (inches)	Double Distal Wall Thickness (inches)	Measured ID/OD (inches)	Diameter 50 psi (inches)	Diameter 100 psi (inches)	Diameter 150 psi (inches)	Burst Pressure (psi)
71	0.00145	0.00155	0.00155	.017X.034	0.1110	0.1119	0.1223	305
72	0.00150	0.00150	0.00150	.017X.034	0.1100	0.120	0.124	307
73	0.00145	0.00150	0.00155	.017X.034	0.1100	0.1118	0.1223	283
74	0.00140	0.00150	0.00150	.017X.034	0.1100	0.120	0.1223	323
75	0.00145	0.00155	0.00150	.017X.034	0.1100	0.1118	0.124	309
76	0.00160	0.00150	0.00150	.017X.034				295
77	0.00150	0.00140	0.00145	.017X.034				323
78	0.00140	0.00140	0.00140	.017X.034				293
79	0.00150	0.00150	0.00150	.017X.034				320
80	0.00150	0.00150	0.00150	.017X.034				303
Average	0.001475	0.00149	0.001495	.017X.034	0.1102	0.1119	0.1234	307.1
Standard	5.89E-05	5.164E-05	4.37798E-05		0.000447	0.001	0.000548	11.74214

Calculated K-stat (psi):
 Calculated Hoop Stress (psi):

246.0057
 24776

Table 9

PEBAX GRADE: 7033

BALLOON DIMENSIONS (diameter x length): 3 x 20 mm

PARAMETERS:

HOT POT: 205° F.
 COLD POT: ROOM TEMP.
 WEIGHT: 250 GRAMS
 NITROGEN 380 PSI

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Table 10

PEBAX GRADE: 7033**BALLOON DIMENSIONS (diameter x length): 3 x 20 mm****PARAMETERS:**

HOT POT: 212° F.
 COLD POT: ROOM TEMP.
 WEIGHT: 250 GRAMS
 NITROGEN 400 PSI

Balloon No.	Double Centerwall Thickness (inches)	Double Proximal Wall Thickness (inches)	Double Distal Wall Thickness (inches)	Measured ID/OD (inches)	Diameter 50 psi (inches)	Diameter 100 psi (inches)	Diameter 150 psi (inches)	Diameter 200 psi (inches)	Burst Pressure (psi)
91	0.00130	0.00135	0.00140	.020X.035	0.109	0.119	0.125	0.128	295
92	0.00130	0.00135	0.00140	.020X.035	0.115	0.124	0.128	0.130	300
93	0.00130	0.00135	0.00130	.020X.035	0.115	0.122	0.127	0.130	289
94	0.00130	0.00135	0.00130	.020X.035	0.113	0.124	0.130	0.133	298
95	0.00130	0.00140	0.00130	.020X.035	0.115	0.124	0.128	0.130	283
96	0.00135	0.00135	0.00135	.020X.035					297
97	0.00140	0.00140	0.00140	.020X.035					297
98	0.00140	0.00140	0.00140	.020X.035					297
99	0.00140	0.00130	0.00140	.020X.035					290
100	0.00130	0.00130	0.00130	.020X.035					290
Average	0.001335	0.001355	0.001355	.020X.035	0.1134	0.1226	0.1276	0.1306	293.6
Standard	4.74E-05	3.689E-05	4.97214E-05		0.002608	0.002191	0.001817	5.337498	

Calculated K-stat (psi): 265.829
 Calculated Hoop Stress (psi): 26962

Table 11

PEBAX GRADE: 7033

BALLOON DIMENSIONS (diameter x length): 3 x 20 mm

PARAMETERS:

HOT POT: 210° F.
 COLD POT: ROOM TEMP.
 WEIGHT: 350 GRAMS
 NITROGEN 400 PSI

Balloon No.	Double Centerwall Thickness (inches)	Double Proximal Wall Thickness (inches)	Double Distal Wall Thickness (inches)	Measured ID/OD (inches)	Diameter 50 psi (inches)	Diameter 100 psi (inches)	Diameter 150 psi (inches)	Burst Pressure (psi)
101	0.0014	0.0014	0.00140	.023X.035	0.115	0.121	0.127	298
102	0.0013	0.0013	0.00125	.023X.035	0.117	0.126	0.134	253
103	0.0013	0.0013	0.00120	.023X.035	0.117	0.126	0.131	275
104	0.0013	0.0013	0.00130	.023X.035	0.118	0.126	0.132	238
105	0.0013	0.0013	0.00140	.023X.035	0.116	0.127	0.133	281
106	0.0013	0.0013	0.00140	.023X.035				280
107	0.0013	0.0013	0.00140	.023X.035				269
108	0.0012	0.0012	0.00130	.023X.035				280
109	0.0012	0.0012	0.00125	.023X.035				283
110	0.0012	0.0012	0.00125	.023X.035				283
Average	0.00128	0.00128	0.001315	.023X.035	0.1166	0.1252	0.1314	274
Standard	6.32E-05	6.325E-05	7.83511E-05		0.00114	0.002387	0.002702	17.09849

Calculated K-stat (psi): 185.1926
 Calculated Hoop Stress (psi): 26800

Table 12

PEBAX GRADE: 7033
BALLOON DIMENSIONS (diameter x length): 3 x 20 mm

PARAMETERS:

HOT POT: 210° F.
 COLD POT: ROOM TEMP.
 WEIGHT: 350 GRAMS
 NITROGEN 420 PSI

Balloon No.	Double Centerwall Thickness (inches)	Double Proximal Wall Thickness (inches)	Double Distal Wall Thickness (inches)	Measured ID/OD (inches)	Diameter 50 psi (inches)	Diameter 100 psi (inches)	Diameter 150 psi (inches)	Burst Pressure (psi)
111	0.00150	0.0015	0.0014	.023X.038	0.119	0.125	0.130	310
112	0.00160	0.0016	0.0016	.023X.038	0.118	0.125	0.130	300
113	0.00160	0.0016	0.0016	.023X.038	0.118	0.125	0.130	293
114	0.00150	0.0015	0.0015	.023X.038	0.118	0.126	0.131	283
115	0.00150	0.0015	0.0015	.023X.038	0.119	0.125	0.130	280
116	0.00150	0.0016	0.0015	.023X.038				300
117	0.00145	0.0015	0.0015	.023X.038				310
118	0.00160	0.0016	0.0016	.023X.038				298
119	0.00150	0.0015	0.0015	.023X.038				298
120	0.00145	0.0015	0.0015	.023X.038				313
Average	0.00152	0.00154	0.00152	.023X.038	0.1184	0.1252	0.1302	298.5
Standard	5.87E-05	5.164E-05	6.32456E-05		0.000548	0.000447	0.000447	11.01766

Calculated K-stat (psi):
 Calculated Hoop Stress (psi):

241.1751
 24586

Table 13

PEBAX GRADE: 7233

BALLOON DIMENSIONS (diameter x length): 3 x 20 mm

PARAMETERS:

HOT POT: 212° F.
 COLD POT: ROOM TEMP.
 WEIGHT: 300 GRAMS
 NITROGEN 460 PSI

Balloon No.	Double Centerwall Thickness (inches)	Double Proximal Wall Thickness (inches)	Double Distal Wall Thickness (inches)	Measured ID/OD (inches)	Diameter 50 psi (inches)	Diameter 100 psi (inches)	Diameter 150 psi (inches)	Burst Pressure (psi)
121	0.00110	0.00120	0.00110	.017x.031	0.108	0.116	0.120	330
122	0.00120	0.00135	0.00120	.017x.031	0.106	0.115	0.119	345
123	0.00130	0.00140	0.00135	.017x.031	0.106	0.116	0.120	300
124	0.00130	0.00130	0.00120	.017x.031	0.106	0.116	0.120	345
125	0.00130	0.00130	0.00125	.017x.031	0.108	0.116	0.120	360
126	0.00135	0.00130	0.00120	.017x.031				345
127	0.00145	0.00130	0.00130	.017x.031				375
128	0.00130	0.00130	0.00130	.017x.031				330
129	0.00145	0.00130	0.00140	.017x.031				300
130	0.00140	0.00140	0.00135	.017x.031				345
Average	0.001315	0.001315	0.001265	.017x.031	0.10680	0.11580	0.11980	337.5
Standard	0.000108	5.798E-05	9.14391E-05		0.001095	0.000447	0.000447	23.71708

Calculated K-stat (psi):
 Calculated Hoop Stress (psi):

214.1
 29720

Table 14

PEBAX GRADE: 7233**BALLOON DIMENSIONS (diameter x length): 3 x 20 mm****PARAMETERS:**

HOT POT: 212° F.
 COLD POT: ROOM TEMP.
 WEIGHT: 350 GRAMS
 NITROGEN 500 PSI

Balloon No.	Double Centerwall Thickness (inches)	Double Proximal Wall Thickness (inches)	Double Distal Wall Thickness (inches)	Measured ID/OD (inches)	Diameter 50 psi (inches)	Diameter 100 psi (inches)	Diameter 150 psi (inches)	Burst Pressure (psi)
131	0.00150	0.00150	0.0015	.017X.034	0.11	0.116	0.121	303
132	0.00160	0.00160	0.0016	.017X.034	0.11	0.116	0.121	280
133	0.00160	0.00160	0.0016	.017X.034	0.11	0.116	0.121	353
134	0.00155	0.00155	0.0015	.017X.034	0.11	0.117	0.120	340
135	0.00160	0.00160	0.0016	.017X.034	0.11	0.116	0.121	348
136	0.00160	0.00160	0.0016	.017X.034				338
137	0.00160	0.00160	0.0016	.017X.034				350
138	0.00170	0.00170	0.0017	.017X.034				369
139	0.00170	0.00170	0.0017	.017X.034				318
140	0.00170	0.00170	0.0017	.017X.034				353
Average	0.001615	0.001615	0.00161	.017X.034	0.11	0.1162	0.1208	335.2
Standard	6.69E-05	6.687E-05	7.37865E-05		0.0	0.000447	0.000447	27.01769

194.627

24117

Calculated K-stat (psi):

Calculated Hoop Stress (psi):

Table 15

PEBAX GRADE: 7233
BALLOON DIMENSIONS (diameter x length): 3 x 20 mm

PARAMETERS:

HOT POT: 210° F.
 COLD POT: ROOM TEMP.
 WEIGHT: 350 GRAMS
 NITROGEN 400 PSI

Double Centerwall Thickness (inches)	Double Proximal Wall Thickness (inches)	Double Distal Wall Thickness (inches)	Measured ID/OD (inches)	Diameter 50 psi (inches)	Diameter 100 psi (inches)	Diameter 150 psi (inches)	Burst Pressure (psi)
141	0.00140	0.00140	0.00140	.020X.035	0.112	0.120	0.125
142	0.00140	0.00150	0.00150	.020X.035	0.112	0.118	0.125
143	0.00140	0.00150	0.00150	.020X.035	0.113	0.118	0.123
144	0.00150	0.00150	0.00150	.020X.035	0.111	0.120	0.123
145	0.00150	0.00150	0.00150	.020X.035	0.113	0.120	0.124
146	0.00145	0.00150	0.00150	.020X.035			350
147	0.00150	0.00160	0.00160	.020X.035			330
148	0.00140	0.00130	0.00130	.020X.035			343
148	0.00155	0.00155	0.00155	.020X.035			353
150	0.00150	0.00150	0.00150	.020X.035			309
Average	0.00146	0.001485	0.001485	.020X.035	0.1122	0.1192	0.124
Standard	5.68E-05	8.182E-05	8.18196E-05		0.000837	0.001025	0.001
							340
							16.38427

Calculated K-stat (psi):
 Calculated Hoop Stress (psi):

254.7526
 27018

Table 16

PEBAX GRADE: 7233**BALLOON DIMENSIONS (diameter x length): 3 : 20 mm****PARAMETERS:**

HOT POT: 205° F.
 COLD POT: ROOM TEMP.
 WEIGHT: 320 GRAMS
 NITROGEN 400 PSI

Balloon No.	Double Centerwall Thickness (inches)	Double Proximal Wall Thickness (inches)	Double Distal Wall Thickness (inches)	Measured ID/OD (inches)	Diameter 50 psi (inches)	Diameter 100 psi (inches)	Diameter 150 psi (inches)	Diameter 150 psi (inches)	Burst Pressure (psi)
151	0.0013	0.00126	0.001250	.020X.032	0.114	0.119	0.123	0.123	357
152	0.0013	0.00135	0.001300	.020X.032	0.113	0.119	0.123	0.123	359
153	0.0013	0.00120	0.001200	.020X.032	0.113	0.119	0.123	0.123	359
154	0.0012	0.00125	0.001200	.020X.032	0.112	0.118	0.123	0.123	369
155	0.0013	0.00120	0.001200	.020X.032	0.113	0.118	0.123	0.123	353
156	0.0012	0.00125	0.001250	.020X.032					343
157	0.0014	0.00135	0.001350	.020X.032					359
158	0.0013	0.00130	0.001300	.020X.032					359
159	0.0012	0.00120	0.001150	.020X.032					361
160	0.0013	0.00130	0.001250	.020X.032					313
Average	0.00126	0.001265	0.001245	.020X.032	0.113	0.1188	0.12300	0.12300	353.2
Standard	4.9721E-05	5.798E-05	5.9809E-05		0.000707	0.000447	1.86E-09	1.86E-09	15.56205

Calculated K-stat (psi):

Calculated Hoop Stress (psi):
272.2306
33342

Table 17

PEBAX GRADE: 7233
BALLOON DIMENSIONS (diameter x length): 3 x 20 mm

PARAMETERS:

HOT POT: 210° F.
 COLD POT: ROOM TEMP.
 WEIGHT: 380 GRAMS
 NITROGEN 400 PSI

Balloon No.	Double Centerwall Thickness (inches)	Double Proximal Wall Thickness (inches)	Double Distal Wall Thickness (inches)	Measured ID/OD (inches)	Diameter 50 psi (inches)	Diameter 100 psi (inches)	Diameter 150 psi (inches)	Burst Pressure (psi)
161	0.00140	0.00140	0.00140	.023X.035	0.116	0.122	0.126	329
162	0.00150	0.00150	0.00140	.023X.035	0.116	0.122	0.127	329
163	0.00140	0.00140	0.00150	.023X.035	0.116	0.123	0.128	330
164	0.00140	0.00140	0.00150	.023X.035	0.116	0.123	0.128	270
165	0.00135	0.00135	0.00135	.023X.035	0.117	0.124	0.129	343
166	0.00140	0.00140	0.00140	.023X.035				300
167	0.00140	0.00140	0.00150	.023X.035				345
168	0.00140	0.00140	0.00140	.023X.035				329
169	0.00140	0.00140	0.00140	.023X.035				330
170	0.00140	0.00140	0.00140	.023X.035				330
Average	0.001405	0.001405	0.001425	.023X.035	0.1162	0.1228	0.1276	323.5
Standard	3.69E-05	3.689E-05	5.40062E-05		0.000447	0.000837	0.00114	22.29123

Calculated K-stat (psi):
 Calculated Hoop Stress (psi):

207.4875
 28274

Table 18

PEBAX GRADE: 7233**BALLOON DIMENSIONS (diameter x length): 3 x 20 mm****PARAMETERS:**

HOT POT:
 COLD POT: ROOM TEMP.
 WEIGHT: 350 GRAMS
 NITROGEN 420 PSI

Balloon No.	Double Centerwall Thickness (inches)	Double Proximal Wall Thickness (inches)	Double Distal Wall Thickness (inches)	Measured ID/OD (inches)	Diameter 50 psi (inches)	Diameter 100 psi (inches)	Diameter 150 psi (inches)	Burst Pressure (psi)
171	0.00160	0.00160	0.001550	.023X.038	0.114	0.120	0.126	375
172	0.00160	0.00160	0.001600	.023X.038	0.115	0.122	0.126	300
173	0.00165	0.00160	0.001500	.023X.038	0.119	0.125	0.128	298
174	0.00160	0.00165	0.001600	.023X.038	0.116	0.122	0.127	328
175	0.00160	0.00160	0.001600	.023X.038	0.116	0.123	0.126	343
176	0.00170	0.00170	0.001700	.023X.038				370
177	0.00160	0.00170	0.001600	.023X.038				370
178	0.00170	0.00170	0.001700	.023X.038				355
179	0.00165	0.00170	0.001650	.023X.038				358
180	0.00170	0.00170	0.001700	.023X.038				373
Average	0.00164	0.001655	0.00162	.023X.038	0.116	0.1224	0.1266	347
Standard	4.59E-05	4.972E-05	6.74949E-05		0.001871	0.001817	0.000894	29.23088

Calculated K-stat (psi): 194.9117
 Calculated Hoop Stress (psi): 25898

Examples 181-206

26 balloons were made according to the process described for Examples 1-180, except that the mold apparatus did not utilize weights 22 separately, but 5 rather incorporated a preselected weight into handle 20.

The balloons were tested to measure distension and balloon burst strength. Distension is defined as the ratio of two balloon diameters. In this test, a balloon was inflated to a series of pressures. The diameter was 10 measured at each pressure. The distension is the ratio of the diameter at the lowest pressure to the diameter at the highest pressure. Inflation was performed at 1 bar increments up to burst pressure.

To test the balloons, the balloons were first placed 15 in temperature controlled water bath, and warmed for a minimum of 1 minute in water. The balloons were then attached to a pneumatic inflation/deflation device. A vacuum was created. Starting with a 4 bar pressure for 20 seconds, the balloon diameter and length were 20 measured. The balloons were deflated, and the measurements were recorded. Increasing the pressure by 1 bar, the balloon diameters and lengths were measured. This procedure was repeated until the balloons bursted. The burst pressure and the type of burst profile were 25 recorded.

Tables 19-21 below show the results of the testing of the expander members.

Table 19

PEBAX GRADE 7233
 Tubing Dimensions (ID x OD): 0.48 x 0.81 mm
 Balloon Dimensions (OD x length): 3.0 x 20 mm
 Diameter Form: 3.00 mm

atm	DIAMETER (mm)						Average
	181	182	183	184	185	186	
4	2.57	2.60	3	2.60	2.57	2.55	2.54
6	2.79	2.81	3	2.81	2.79	2.79	2.75
8	2.91	2.94	3	2.93	2.93	2.95	2.89
10	3.01	3	3.02	3.02	3.01	2.99	2.88
12	3.06	3.07	3	3.08	3.09	3.08	3.03
14	3.12	3.14	3	3.13	3.12	3.12	3.09
16	3.17	3.17	3	3.17	3.18	3.17	3.14
18	3.23	3.24	3	3.25	3.24	3.23	3.21

Average burst pressure 21.1 atm
 Minimum burst pressure 20.0 atm
 Maximum burst pressure 22.0 atm

Table 20

PEBAX GRADE 7233

Tubing Dimensions (ID x OD): 0.48 x 0.82 mm
 Balloon Dimensions (OD x length): 3.0 x 20 mm
 Diameter Form: 3.25 mm

	DIAMETER (mm)						Average	
	Balloon Number							
atm	191	192	193	194	195	196	197	198
4	2.73	2.74	2.66	2.71	2.69	2.71	2.70	2.77
6	2.97	2.93	2.89	2.92	2.92	2.94	2.97	3.01
8	3.12	3.06	3.03	3.08	3.08	3.06	3.07	3.08
10	3.18	3.12	3.15	3.16	3.12	3.17	3.18	3.19
12	3.23	3.20	3.22	3.23	3.19	3.23	3.23	3.26
14	3.30	3.27	3.27	3.27	3.25	3.28	3.28	3.33
16	3.33	3.31	3.31	3.30	3.29	3.32	3.32	3.36
18	3.39	3.33	3.37	3.37	3.36	3.40	3.39	3.43

Average burst pressure

Minimum burst pressure

Maximum burst pressure

21.4 atm

20.0 atm

22.0 atm

Table 21

PEBAX GRADE 7233

Tubing Dimensions (ID x OD): 0.65 x 0.90 mm

Balloon Dimensions (OD x length): 3.0 x 20 mm

Diameter Form: 3.25 mm

atm	DIAMETER (mm)					Average
	199	200	201	202	203	
4	2.91	2.92	2.94	2.91	2.87	2.93
6	3.17	3.15	3.16	3.13	3.14	3.10
8	3.28	3.32	3.29	3.29	3.28	3.25
10	3.40	3.44	3.41	3.39	3.40	3.36
12	3.52	3.52	3.49	3.52	3.51	3.48
14	3.66	3.65	3.64	3.65	3.65	3.62
16	3.79	3.79	3.82	3.83	3.80	3.78
18	4.05	-	-	-	4.06	4.08
					4.05	4.17
						4.08

Average burst pressure
 Minimum burst pressure
 Maximum burst pressure

19.3 atm
 18.0 atm
 20.0 atm

Examples 207-236

30 balloons were made according to the procedure described above for Examples 1-180, except that parisons had inside diameters of about .025 inches and wall 5 thicknesses of about .0065 inches.

The balloons were tested according to the procedure described above for Examples 1-180, except that outside diameters were measured at 1 atm increments from 4-16 atms, and then the balloons were burst.

10 Tables 22-28 below list certain parameters (PEBAX grade, dimensions, cone angle, rated burst, and hold time representing the total amount of time that the mold was held in the water). The tables also show results of the testing of the expander members.

Table 22
BALLOON COMPLIANCE

PEBAX Grade: 7233
 Dimensions (dia. x lgl.): 3.0 x 20 mm
 Cone Angle: 10 degrees
 Rated Burst: 176 psi
 Hold (Secs.): 15

Pressure	DIAMETER (inches)			
	psi	207	208	209
aim				Balloon Number
4	58.8	.111	.111	.112
5	73.5	.113	.114	.115
6	88.2	.116	.116	.117
7	102.5	.118	.117	.118
8	117.6	.119	.119	.119
9	132.3	.120	.120	.119
10	147.0	.122	.121	.120
11	161.7	.122	.122	.121
12	176.4	.123	.123	.122
13	191.1	.124	.124	.123
14	205.8	.125	.125	.124
15	220.5	.126	.126	.125
16	235.2	.127	.127	.126
Burst Pressure (psi)	278	249	278	307
Direction of Burst	Axial	Axial	Axial	Axial

Table 23
BALLOON COMPLIANCE

PEBAx Grade: 7233
 Dimensions (dia. x lgt.): 3.0 x 20 mm
 Cone Angle: 10 degrees
 Rated Burst: 176 psi
 Hold (Secs.): 15

Pressure atm	psi	DIAMETER (inches)			
		212	213	214	215
4	58.8	.113	.113	.111	.112
5	73.5	.115	.115	.114	.114
6	88.2	.117	.117	.116	.116
7	102.5	.118	.118	.118	.117
8	117.6	.119	.119	.119	.118
9	132.3	.120	.120	.120	.120
10	147.0	.121	.121	.121	.120
11	161.7	.122	.122	.122	.121
12	176.4	.123	.123	.123	.122
13	191.1	.124	.124	.124	.123
14	205.8	.125	.125	.125	.124
15	220.5	.126	.126	.126	.125
16	235.2	.127	.127	.127	.126
Burst Pressure (psi)		266	264	280	280
Direction of Burst		Axial	Axial	Axial	Axial

BALLOON COMPLIANCE

PEBAx Grade: 7233
 Dimensions (dia. x lgt.): 3.0 x 20 mm
 Cone Angle: 10 degrees
 Rated Burst: 176 psi
 Hold (Secs.) 15

Table 24

Pressure	DIAMETER (inches)				
	atm	psi	217	218	219
4	58.8	.109	.110	.110	.109
5	73.5	.112	.114	.114	.112
6	88.2	.114	.116	.115	.114
7	102.5	.116	.117	.117	.116
8	117.6	.117	.119	.118	.117
9	132.3	.119	.119	.120	.119
10	147.0	.120	.120	.121	.120
11	161.7	.121	.121	.122	.121
12	176.4	.122	.122	.123	.122
13	191.1	.123	.124	.124	.123
14	205.8	.124	.125	.125	.124
15	220.5	.125	.126	.126	.125
16	235.2	.125	.127	.127	.126
Burst Pressure (psi)		290	250	250	250
Direction of Burst		Axial	Axial	Axial	Axial

Table 25
BALLOON COMPLIANCE

PEBAx Grade: 7233
 Dimensions (dia. x lgt.): 3.0 x 20 mm
 Cone Angle: 10 degrees
 Rated Burst: 176 psi
 Hold (Secs.): 15

Pressure	DIAMETER (inches)				
	psi	222	223	224	225
atm					
4	58.8	.108	.111	.111	.110
5	73.5	.110	.114	.114	.113
6	88.2	.112	.116	.116	.115
7	102.5	.114	.118	.117	.117
8	117.6	.116	.119	.118	.118
9	132.3	.117	.120	.120	.119
10	147.0	.119	.121	.121	.120
11	161.7	.120	.122	.122	.121
12	176.4	.121	.123	.123	.122
13	191.1	.122	.124	.124	.123
14	205.8	.123	.125	.125	.124
15	220.5	.124	.126	.126	.125
16	235.2	.125	.127	.127	.126
Burst Pressure (psi)	264	280	260	280	290
Direction of Burst	Axial	Axial	Axial	Axial	Axial

BALLOON COMPLIANCE

Table 26

PEBAK Grade: 7233
 Dimensions (dia. x lgt.): 3.0 x 20 mm
 Cone Angle: 10 degrees
 Rated Burst: 176 psi
 Hold (Secs.): 15

Pressure	DIAMETER (inches)			
	atm	psi	227	228
4	58.8	.111	.111	.110
5	73.5	.113	.114	.113
6	88.2	.115	.116	.114
7	102.5	.117	.118	.116
8	117.6	.119	.119	.118
9	132.3	.120	.120	.119
10	147.0	.121	.121	.120
11	161.7	.122	.122	.121
12	176.4	.123	.123	.122
13	191.1	.123	.124	.123
14	205.8	.124	.125	.124
15	220.5	.125	.126	.125
16	235.2	.126	.127	.126
Burst Pressure (psi)	278	280	265	260
Direction of Burst	Axial	Axial	Axial	Axial

Table 27
BALLOON COMPLIANCE

PEBAK Grade: 7233
 Dimensions (dia. x lgt.): 3.0 x 20 mm
 Cone Angle: 10 degrees
 Rated Burst: 176 psi
 Hold (Secs.): 15

Pressure		Diameter (Inches)				
	psi	232	233	234	235	236
atm		.111	.111	.110	.111	.112
4	58.8	.111	.111	.111	.111	.112
5	73.5	.114	.114	.113	.114	.115
6	88.2	.116	.116	.116	.116	.1165
7	102.5	.117	.117	.117	.117	.118
8	117.6	.119	.119	.118	.1185	.119
9	132.3	.120	.120	.119	.120	.120
10	147.0	.121	.121	.1205	.121	.121
11	161.7	.122	.122	.122	.122	.122
12	176.4	.1225	.123	.123	.123	.123
13	191.1	.124	.124	.124	.124	.124
14	205.8	.124	.125	.125	.125	.125
15	220.5	.125	.126	.125	.126	.126
16	235.2	.126	.127	.126	.127	.127
Burst Pressure (psi)	265	280	305	278	260	
Direction of Burst	Axial	Axial	Axial	Axial	Axial	Axial

Table 28
**BALLOON COMPLIANCE
 MEASUREMENTS BEFORE TESTING**

	Double Wall Thickness Measurements		
	Proximal Side-Body	Center	Digital Side-Body
207	.00175	.00120	.00135
208	.00145	.00140	.00120
209	.00130	.00140	.00140
210	.00140	.00150	.00140
211	.00165	.00175	.00185
212	.00135	.00120	.00125
213	.00150	.00140	.00120
214	.00135	.00120	.00115
215	.00155	.00130	.00120
216	.00135	.00120	.00125
217	.00140	.00135	.00145
218	.00165	.00130	.00125
219	.00145	.00135	.00130
220	.00155	.00120	.00140
221	.00135	.00120	.00120
222	.00155	.00135	.00140
223	.00140	.00130	.00135
224	.00145	.00135	.00120
225	.00160	.00135	.00125
226	.00150	.00135	.00130
227	.00155	.00135	.00135
228	.00155	.00150	.00135
229	.00150	.00135	.00130
230	.00135	.00135	.00120
231	.00160	.00135	.00130
232	.00160	.00135	.00130
233	.00140	.00120	.00120
234	.00145	.00135	.00125
235	.00150	.00145	.00120
236	.00145	.00135	.00125

Examples 237-266

30 balloons were made according to the procedure described above for Examples 1-180.

The balloons were tested according to the procedure 5 described above for Examples 1-180, except that balloons were tested at 1 atm increments from 4-16 atm and then burst.

Tables 29-35 below list certain parameters (PEBAX grade, dimensions, cone angle, rated burst, and hold time 10 representing the total amount of time that the mold was held in the water). The tables also show results of the testing of the expander members.

BALLOON COMPLIANCE
Table 29

PEBAK Grade: 6333
 Dimensions (dia. x lgt.): 3.0 x 20 mm
 Cone Angle: 10 degrees
 Rated Burst: 176 psi
 Hold (Secs.) 15

Pressure atm	psi	DIAMETER (inches)				
		237	238	239	240	241
Balloon Number						
4	58.8	.114	.115	.114	.114	.114
5	73.5	.116	.118	.117	.117	.117
6	88.2	.118	.120	.120	.119	.119
7	102.5	.120	.122	.121	.121	.122
8	117.6	.122	.123	.123	.123	.123
9	132.3	.123	.124	.124	.124	.125
10	147.0	.125	.126	.126	.125	.126
11	161.7	.126	.127	.127	.127	.128
12	176.4	.128	.129	.128	.128	.129
13	191.1	.129	.130	.130	.130	.131
14	205.8	.130	.132	.132	.131	.132
15	220.5	.132	.134	.133	.133	.134
16	235.2	.133	.135	.135	Burst	.135
Burst Pressure (psi)	268	250	250	235	250	
Direction of Burst	Axial	Axial	Axial	Axial	Axial	Axial

Table 30
BALLOON COMPLIANCE

PEBAX Grade: 6333
 Dimensions (dia. x lgt.): 3.0 x 20 mm
 Cone Angle: 10 degrees
 Rated Burst: 176 psi
 Hold (Secs.): 15

Pressure atm	psi	DIAMETER (inches)			
		242	243	244	245
4	58.8	.116	.115	.115	.115
5	73.5	.119	.118	.117	.117
6	88.2	.121	.120	.119	.119
7	102.5	.122	.122	.121	.121
8	117.6	.124	.124	.122	.122
9	132.3	.125	.125	.124	.124
10	147.0	.127	.126	.125	.125
11	161.7	.128	.128	.126	.126
12	176.4	.129	.129	.128	.128
13	191.1	.131	.131	.129	.129
14	205.8	.133	.132	.131	.131
15	220.5	.135	.134	.132	.132
16	235.2	.136	.135	.134	.133
Burst Pressure (psi)		250	250	250	260
Direction of Burst		Axial	Axial	Axial	Axial

Table 31
BALLOON COMPLIANCE

PEBAX Grade: 6333
 Dimensions (dia. x lgt.): 3.0 x 20 mm
 Cone Angle: 10 degrees
 Rated Burst: 176 psi
 Hold (Secs.): 15

Pressure	DIAMETER (inches)				
	atm	psi	247	248	249
Balloon Number					
251					
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Burst Pressure (psi)	250	250	250	250	250
Direction of Burst	Axial	Axial	Axial	Axial	Axial

Table 32
BALLOON COMPLIANCE

PEBAX Grade: 6333
Dimensions (dia. x lgt.): 3.0 x 20 mm
Cone Angle: 10 degrees
Rated Burst: 176 psi
Hold (Secs.): 15

Pressure atm	psi	DIAMETER (inches)			
		252	253	254	255
4	58.8	.114	.114	.115	.114
5	73.5	.116	.117	.118	.117
6	88.2	.119	.120	.120	.119
7	102.5	.121	.122	.121	.121
8	117.6	.122	.123	.122	.122
9	132.3	.124	.124	.124	.123
10	147.0	.125	.126	.125	.125
11	161.7	.126	.127	.127	.126
12	176.4	.128	.129	.129	.128
13	191.1	.130	.130	.130	.129
14	205.8	.131	.131	.131	.131
15	220.5	.133	.133	.133	.133
16	235.2	.135	.135	.135	.135
Burst Pressure (psi)		250	250	250	250
Direction of Burst		Axial	Axial	Axial	Axial

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Table 33

PEBAX Grade:	6333
Dimensions (dia. x lgl.):	3.0 x 20 mm
Cone Angle:	10 degrees
Rated Burst:	176 psi
Hold (Secs.)	15

Pressure	DIAMETER (inches)				
	atm	psi	257	258	259
4	58.8	.115	.115	.114	.115
5	73.5	.118	.117	.117	.118
6	88.2	.120	.119	.119	.118
7	102.5	.121	.120	.120	.120
8	117.6	.123	.121	.121	.122
9	132.3	.124	.122	.123	.123
10	147.0	.125	.123	.124	.124
11	161.7	.127	.125	.125	.126
12	176.4	.128	.127	.127	.128
13	191.1	.129	.129	.129	.129
14	205.8	.131	.131	.130	.131
15	220.5	.132	.132	.132	.133
16	235.2	.134	.134	.134	.135
Burst Pressure (psi)	250	Axial	235	Axial	250
Direction of Burst			Axial	Axial	Axial
					260
					260

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Table 34

PEBAX Grade: 6333
 Dimensions (dia. x lgt.): 3.0 x 20 mm
 Cone Angle: 10 degrees
 Rated Burst: 176 psi
 Hold (Secs.): 15

Pressure	DIAMETER (Inches)			
	262	263	264	265
atm				266
4	.588	.115	.114	.115
5	.735	.118	.117	.117
6	.882	.119	.118	.119
7	.1025	.121	.120	.121
8	.1176	.122	.121	.122
9	.1323	.123	.124	.123
10	.1470	.124	.125	.124
11	.1617	.126	.127	.125
12	.1764	.128	.128	.127
13	.1911	.129	.130	.129
14	.2058	.131	.131	.130
15	.2205	.133	.133	.132
16	.2352	.134	.135	.134
				.135
Burst Pressure (psi)	250	250	268	250
Direction of Burst	Axial	Axial	Axial	Axial

Table 35
BALLOON COMPLIANCE
MEASUREMENTS BEFORE TESTING

	Double Wall Thickness Measurements		
	Proximal Side-Body	Center	Distal Side-Body
237	.00155	.00130	.00120
238	.00135	.00120	.00120
239	.00125	.00120	.00110
240	.00125	.00120	.00120
241	.00130	.00120	.00120
242	.00135	.00120	.00110
243	.00130	.00115	.00120
244	.00130	.00120	.00110
245	.00135	.00125	.00110
246	.00135	.00120	.00120
247	.00135	.00120	.00115
248	.00125	.00120	.00115
249	.00120	.00120	.00110
250	.00130	.00125	.00110
251	.00130	.00120	.00115
252	.00135	.00120	.00105
253	.00130	.00120	.00110
254	.00120	.00110	.00110
255	.00120	.00115	.00105
256	.00125	.00120	.00110
257	.00125	.00120	.00110
258	.00125	.00120	.00110
259	.00135	.00120	.00115
260	.00120	.00110	.00110
261	.00130	.00125	.00120
262	.00130	.00120	.00110
263	.00125	.00120	.00115
264	.00130	.00115	.00115
265	.00135	.00120	.00110
266	.00120	.00110	.00105

Examples 267-276

10 balloons were made according to the procedure described above for Examples 1-180, except that parisons had inside diameters of about .025 inches and wall 5 thicknesses of about .0065 inches.

The balloons were tested according to the procedure described above for Examples 1-180, except that outside diameters were measured at 1 atm increments from 4-16 atms, and then the balloons were burst.

10 Tables 36-38 below list certain parameters (PEBAX grade, dimensions, cone angle, rated burst, and hold time representing the total amount of time that the mold was held in the water). The tables also show results of the testing of the expander members.

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Table 36

PEBAK Grade: 7033
 Dimensions (dia. x lgt.): 3.0 x 20 mm
 Cone Angle: 10 degrees
 Rated Burst: 176 psi
 Hold (Secs.): 15

Pressure	DIAMETER (inches)				
	atm	psi	267	268	269
4	58.8	.112	.113	.113	.113
5	73.5	.116	.116	.116	.116
6	88.2	.118	.118	.118	.118
7	102.5	.120	.119	.120	.119
8	117.6	.121	.120	.121	.120
9	132.3	.122	.121	.122	.121
10	147.0	.123	.122	.124	.123
11	161.7	.124	.123	.125	.124
12	176.4	.125	.125	.126	.125
13	191.1	.126	.127	.127	.126
14	205.8	.127	.1275	.128	.127
15	220.5	.128	.128	.129	.128
16	235.2	.129	.129	.130	.1285
Burst Pressure (psi)	263	Axial	264	250	264
Direction of Burst		Axial	Axial	Axial	Axial

BALLOON COMPLIANCE

Table 37

PEBAX Grade: 7033
Dimensions (dia. x lgt.): 3.0 x 20 mm
Cone Angle: 10 degrees
Rated Burst: 176 psi
Hold (Secs.): 15

Pressure	psi	Diameter (Inches)			Balloon Number
		272	273	274	
atm					275
4	58.8	.112	.114	.114	.113
5	73.5	.115	.117	.116	.116
6	88.2	.117	.118	.117	.118
7	102.5	.1185	.120	.119	.120
8	117.6	.121	.121	.120	.121
9	132.3	.122	.122	.121	.122
10	147.0	.123	.123	.123	.123
11	161.7	.124	.124	.124	.124
12	176.4	.126	.126	.125	.125
13	191.1	.128	.1265	.127	.126
14	205.8	.128	.1280	.128	.127
15	220.5	.129	.129	.1295	.128
16	235.2	.130	.130	.131	.129
Burst Pressure (psi)	250	264	264	250	264
Direction of Burst	Axial	Axial	Axial	Axial	Axial

Table 38
BALLOON COMPLIANCE
MEASUREMENTS BEFORE TESTING

Double Wall Thickness Measurements			
	Proximal Side-Body	Center	Distal Side-Body
267	.00110	.00110	.00105
268	.00105	.00105	.00105
269	.00105	.00100	.00100
270	.00110	.00110	.00110
271	.00115	.00110	.00100
272	.00115	.00100	.00100
273	.00115	.00110	.00100
274	.00115	.00100	.00105
275 -	.00110	.00110	.00100
276	.00110	.00100	.00100

Examples 277-306

30 balloons were made according to the procedure described above for Examples 1-180, except that cone angles were 26° and the parison inside diameter was .025 inches with a wall thickness of .0065.

The balloons were tested according to the procedure described above for Examples 1-180, except that outside diameters were measured at 1 atm increments from 4-16 atms, and then the balloons were burst.

Tables 39-41 below list certain parameters (PEBAX grade, dimensions, cone angle, rated burst, and hold time representing the total amount of time that the mold was held in the water). The tables also show results of the testing of the expander members.

Table 39
BALLOON COMPLIANCE

PEBAK Grade: 7033
 Dimensions (dia. x lgt.): 3.0 x 20 mm
 Cone Angle: 26°
 Rated Burst: 176
 Hold (Secs.): 15

Pressure	DIAMETER (cm)						
	Balloon Numbers						
atm	277	278	279	280	281	282	283
4	2.9972	3.0226	2.9718	2.9210	2.9210	2.8448	2.8194
5	3.0988	3.1242	3.0988	3.0226	2.9972	2.9972	2.9972
6	3.1496	3.1750	3.1496	3.1242	30.7340	3.1496	30.9880
7	3.2004	3.2258	3.2004	3.1750	3.2258	3.2004	3.2004
8	3.2766	3.2512	3.2258	3.2258	3.2766	3.2512	3.2512
9	3.3020	3.3020	3.2766	3.2766	3.3528	3.3020	3.3020
10	3.3528	3.3528	3.3274	3.3030	3.3274	3.4036	3.3528
11	3.3782	3.4036	3.3782	3.3528	3.3782	3.4544	3.4036
12	3.4544	3.4544	3.4290	3.4036	3.4036	3.5052	3.4544
13	3.5052	3.4798	3.5052	3.4290	3.4544	3.5814	3.5052
14	3.5560	3.5560	3.5814	3.5052	3.5052	3.6576	3.5560
15	3.5814	3.6068	3.6068	3.5306	3.5306	3.7338	3.6068
16	3.6576	3.6830	3.6322	3.6068	3.6068	3.8608	3.6576
Burst psi	290	265	265	295	260	265	260
atm	19.70	18.02	18.02	20.06	17.68	18.02	17.68
						250	265
						17.00	18.02

BALLOON COMPLIANCE

Table 40

PEBAK Grade: 7033
 Dimensions (dia. x lgt.): 3.0 x 20 mm
 Cone Angle: 26°
 Rated Burst: 176
 Hold (Secs.) 15

Pressure	DIAMETER (cm)					
	Balloon Numbers					
atm	287	288	289	290	291	292
4	2.8956	2.8956	2.9210	2.8702	2.8956	2.9718
5	2.9972	2.9972	3.0480	2.9972	3.0226	3.0988
6	3.1242	3.0988	3.1496	3.0988	3.1242	3.1750
7	3.2004	3.2004	3.2258	3.1496	3.1750	3.2512
8	3.2512	3.2258	3.3020	3.2258	3.3020	3.3258
9	3.3274	3.3020	3.3528	3.2766	3.3020	3.3528
10	3.3782	3.3528	3.4036	3.3274	3.3528	3.4036
11	3.4290	3.4036	3.4798	3.3782	3.4036	3.4544
12	3.4798	3.4544	3.5560	3.4290	3.4798	3.5052
13	3.5560	3.5306	3.6068	3.4798	3.5052	3.5306
14	3.6068	3.5560	3.6576	3.5306	3.5560	3.5306
15	3.6576	3.6068	3.7338	3.5814	3.6322	3.5306
16	3.7592	3.6576	3.8354	3.6576	3.7084	3.5560
Burst psi	265	265	265	265	265	265
atm	18.02	18.02	18.02	18.02	18.02	17.68
						17.00
						18.02

Table 41
BALLOON COMPLIANCE

PEBAx Grade: 7033
 Dimensions (dia. x lgt.): 3.0 x 20 mm
 Cone Angle: 26°
 Rated Burst: 176
 Hold (Secs.) 15

Pressure atm	DIAMETER (cm)					
	297	298	299	300	301	302
4	2.8702	2.8956	2.8194	2.8194	2.8702	2.7940
5	2.9972	2.9972	2.9972	2.9210	2.9972	2.9972
6	3.1242	3.1242	3.0988	3.0480	3.1242	3.0988
7	3.1750	3.1750	3.1496	3.1496	3.1750	3.1750
8	3.2512	3.2512	3.2004	3.2004	3.2258	3.2512
9	3.3274	3.3020	3.2766	3.2512	3.3020	3.3274
10	3.3782	3.3528	3.3274	3.3274	3.3528	3.4036
11	3.4544	3.4036	3.3782	3.3782	3.4544	3.4544
12	3.5052	3.4798	3.4555	3.4036	3.5052	3.5052
13	3.5560	3.5052	3.5306	3.4544	3.5052	3.6068
14	3.6322	3.5306	3.5814	3.5052	3.6576	3.5560
15	3.6830	3.5814	3.6322	3.5560	3.6322	3.6068
16	3.7846	3.6322	3.7084	3.6322	3.6830	3.8100
Burst psi	265	260	265	265	265	265
atm	18.02	17.68	18.02	18.02	18.02	18.02

Examples 307-366

60 balloons were made according to the following procedure: Tubing was placed into a mold and preheated for 15-30 seconds to a preselected balloon blowing temperature. The tubing was stretched and inflated to make a balloon. The balloon was allowed to remain at the balloon blowing temperature for 15-30 seconds, and then elevated to at least the crystallization temperature for 10-20 seconds. The balloon was then cooled to room temperature and removed from the mold.

The balloons were tested according to the procedure described above for Examples 1-180.

Tables 42-47 below list certain parameters (PEBAX grade, dimensions, crystallization temperature, mold temperature, left and right stretch dimensions, nitrogen pressure, and air flow). The tables also show results of the testing of the expander members.

Table 42

PEBAX GRADE: 6333

BALLOON DIMENSIONS (diameter x length): 3 x 20 mm

PARAMETERS:
TEMP:
STRETCH:
PSI:
AIRFLOW:

CRYSTALLIZATION:
LEFT:
350
200

MOLD:
RIGHT:
200° F
2.60 INCHES

190° F
2.60 INCHES

Balloon No.	Double Centerwall Thickness (inches)	Double Proximal Wall Thickness (inches)	Double Distal Wall Thickness (inches)	Measured ID/OD (inches)	Diameter 50 psi (inches)	Diameter 100 psi (inches)	Diameter 150 psi (inches)	Burst Pressure (psi)
307	0.00120	0.00120	0.00130	.020x.035	0.119	0.128	0.135	238
308	0.00120	0.00130	0.00120	.020x.035	0.118	0.127	0.137	241
309	0.00135	0.00135	0.00145	.020x.035	0.118	0.128	0.136	245
310	0.00130	0.00140	0.00120	.020x.035	0.117	0.127	0.137	238
311	0.00125	0.00135	0.00145	.020x.035	0.117	0.127	0.134	240
312	0.00135	0.00125	0.00125	.020x.035				249
313	0.00125	0.00125	0.00125	.020x.035				239
314	0.00135	0.00130	0.00130	.020x.035				230
315	0.00130	0.00130	0.00130	.020x.035				240
316	0.00130	0.00130	0.00135	.020x.035				240
Average	0.001285	0.0013	0.001305	.020x.035	0.1178	0.1274	0.1358	240
Standard	5.79751E-05	5.7735E-05	8.95979E-05		0.000837	0.000548	0.001304	4.898979

Calculated K-stat (psi):
 Calculated Hoop Stress (psi):

214.5106
 23794.55

Table 43

PEBAX GRADE: 6333

BALLOON DIMENSIONS (diameter x length): 3 x 20 mm

PARAMETERS:		CRYSTALLIZATION: LEFT:	260° F 2.75 INCHES	MOLD: RIGHT:	190° F 2.75 INCHES
TEMP:					
STRETCH:					
PSI:					
AIRFLOW:					

Balloon No.	Double Centerwall Thickness (inches)	Double Proximal Wall Thickness (inches)	Double Distal Wall Thickness (inches)	Measured ID/OD (inches)	Diameter 50 psi (inches)	Diameter 100 psi (inches)	Diameter 150 psi (inches)	Burst Pressure (psi)
317	0.00130	0.00135	0.00130	.020x.035	0.116	0.127	0.135	240
318	0.00135	0.00140	0.00140	.020x.035	0.114	0.127	0.135	248
319	0.00135	0.00145	0.00135	.020x.035	0.116	0.127	0.134	240
320	0.00135	0.00135	0.00145	.020x.035	0.115	0.127	0.134	251
321	0.00130	0.00145	0.00130	.020x.035	0.115	0.127	0.135	240
322	0.00145	0.00135	0.00135	.020x.035				240
323	0.00140	0.00140	0.00140	.020x.035				248
324	0.00135	0.00135	0.00140	.020x.035				240
325	0.00135	0.00135	0.00135	.020x.035				240
326	0.00135	0.00135	0.00135	.020x.035				240
Average	0.001355	0.00138	0.00137	.020x.035	0.1152	0.127	0.1346	242.7
Standard	4.38E-05	4.216E-05	4.74342E-05		0.000837	1.86E-09	0.000548	4.423E-23

Calculated K-stat (psi): 219.6849
 Calculated Hoop Stress (psi): 22747.53

Table 44

PEBAX GRADE: 7033
BALLOON DIMENSIONS (diameter x length): 2 x 30 mm

PARAMETERS:
 TEMP:
 STRETCH:
 PSI:
 AIRFLOW:

CRYSTALLIZATION:
 LEFT:
 380
 200

200° F
 2.75 INCHES

190° F
 MOLD:
 RIGHT:
 2.75 INCHES

Balloon No.	Double Centerwall Thickness (inches)	Double Proximal Wall Thickness (inches)	Double Distal Wall Thickness (inches)	Measured ID/OD (inches)	Diameter 50 psi (inches)	Diameter 100 psi (inches)	Diameter 150 psi (inches)	Burst Pressure (psi)
327	0.00130	0.001350	0.00130	.020x.035	0.115	0.125	0.129	270
328	0.00125	0.001300	0.00130	.020x.035	0.116	0.125	0.129	270
329	0.00130	0.001350	0.00130	.020x.035	0.116	0.125	0.132	270
330	0.00130	0.001300	0.00125	.020x.035	0.115	0.127	0.132	263
331	0.00125	0.001300	0.00130	.020x.035	0.116	0.126	0.132	270
332	0.00135	0.001350	0.00130	.020x.035				280
333	0.00135	0.001300	0.00130	.020x.035				280
334	0.00130	0.001300	0.00130	.020x.035				270
335	0.00125	0.001250	0.00120	.020x.035				283
336	0.00130	0.001200	0.00130	.020x.035				240
Average	0.001295	0.0013	1.285E-03	.020x.035	0.1156	0.1256	0.1308	269.6
Standard	3.69E-05	4.714E-05	3.37474E-05		0.000548	0.000894	0.001643	12.09408

Calculated K-stat (psi):
 Calculated Hoop Stress (psi):

206.5745
 26148.08

Table 45

PEBAX GRADE: 7033

BALLOON DIMENSIONS (diameter x length): 3 x 30 mm

PARAMETERS:
 TEMP:
 STRETCH:
 PSI:
 AIRFLOW:

CRYSTALLIZATION:
 LEFT:
 320
 200

260° F
 2.25 INCHES

MOLD:
 RIGHT:
 210° F
 2.25 INCHES

Balloon No.	Double Centerwall Thickness (Inches)	Double Proximal Wall Thickness (Inches)	Double Distal Wall Thickness (Inches)	Measured ID/OD (Inches)	Diameter 50 psi (Inches)	Diameter 100 psi (Inches)	Diameter 150 psi (Inches)	Burst Pressure (psi)
337	0.00100	0.00100	0.00100	.020x.035	0.121	0.13	0.138	238
338	0.00115	0.00120	0.00100	.020x.035	0.121	0.129	0.136	230
339	0.00100	0.00105	0.00115	.020x.035	0.121	0.13	0.138	220
340	0.00110	0.00115	0.00100	.020x.035	0.121	0.129	0.136	219
341	0.00105	0.00110	0.00100	.020x.035	0.121	0.129	0.137	238
342	0.00105	0.00100	0.00100	.020x.035	0.121	0.129	0.137	239
343	0.00120	0.00120	0.00105	.020x.035	0.121	0.13	0.138	238
344	0.00100	0.00110	0.00105	.020x.035	0.121	0.129	0.136	238
345	0.00100	0.00105	0.00105	.020x.035	0.121	0.129	0.136	220
346	0.00105	0.00110	0.00100	.020x.035	0.121	0.129	0.137	239
Average	0.00106	0.001095	0.00103	.020x.035	0.121	0.1294	0.137	231.9
Standard	6.99E-05	7.246E-05	4.83046E-05		0	0.000548	0.001	8.83742

Calculated K-stat (psi):
 Calculated Hoop Stress (psi):

185.9189
 28309.3

Table 46

PEBAX GRADE: 7233
BALLOON DIMENSIONS (diameter x length): 3 x 20 mm

PARAMETERS:
 TEMP: CRYSTALLIZATION: 400° F
 STRETCH: LEFT: 2 INCHES
 PSI: 400
 AIRFLOW: 200

Balloon No.	Double Centerwall Thickness (inches)	Double Proximal Wall Thickness (inches)	Double Distal Wall Thickness (inches)	Measured ID/OD (inches)	Diameter 50 psi (inches)	Diameter 100 psi (inches)	(Diameter 150 psi (inches))	Burst Pressure (psi)
								MOLD: 190° F 2 INCHES
347	0.00140	0.00140	0.00140	.020x.035	0.113	0.119	0.124	305
348	0.00145	0.00150	0.00145	.020x.035	0.111	0.119	0.124	330
349	0.00145	0.00150	0.00150	.020x.035	0.113	0.122	0.124	315
350	0.00140	0.00140	0.00140	.020x.035	0.115	0.122	0.125	313
351	0.00150	0.00145	0.00140	.020x.035	0.113	0.120	0.124	343
352	0.00145	0.00145	0.00135	.020x.035				343
353	0.00150	0.00150	0.00140	.020x.035				329
354	0.00140	0.00150	0.00140	.020x.035				303
355	0.00140	0.00140	0.00140	.020x.035				313
356	0.00140	0.00150	0.00140	.020x.035				330
Average	0.001433	0.00146	0.00141	.020x.035	0.113	0.1204	0.1242	322.4
Standard	4.33E-05	4.595E-05	3.94405E-05		0.001414	0.001517	0.000447	14.5985

Calculated K-stat (psi): 246.437
 Calculated Hoop Stress (psi): 27081.6

Table 47

PEBAX GRADE: 7233

BALLOON DIMENSIONS (diameter x length): 3 x 20 mm

PARAMETERS:	CRYSTALLIZATION:		MOLD:		
	TEMP:	260° F 2.25 INCHES	RIGHT:	210° F 2.25 INCHES	
STRETCH:	330	PSI:	330	AIRFLOW:	200

Balloon No.	Double Centerwall Thickness (inches)	Double Proximal Wall Thickness (inches)	Double Distal Wall Thickness (inches)	Measured ID/OID (inches)	Diameter 50 psi (inches)	Diameter 100 psi (inches)	Diameter 150 psi (inches)	Burst Pressure (psi)
357	0.00110	0.00100	0.00125	.020x.035	0.118	0.125	0.128	240
358	0.00100	0.00105	0.00115	.020x.035	0.119	0.125	0.13	260
359	0.00100	0.00105	0.00120	.020x.035	0.118	0.123	0.128	242
360	0.00110	0.00120	0.00100	.020x.035	0.119	0.126	0.131	245
361	0.00110	0.00120	0.00120	.020x.035	0.119	0.125	0.13	260
362	0.00100	0.00100	0.00120	.020x.035	..	..	..	260
363	0.00120	0.00120	0.00130	.020x.035	..	..	..	242
364	0.00115	0.00105	0.00120	.020x.035	..	..	..	262
365	0.00100	0.00105	0.00120	.020x.035	..	..	..	260
366	0.00110	0.00100	0.00115	.020x.035	..	..	..	231
Average	0.001075	0.00108	0.001185	.020x.035	0.1186	0.1248	0.1294	250.2
Standard	7.17E-05	8.5635E-05	7.83511E-05		0.000548	0.001095	0.001342	11.34117

Calculated K-stat (psi):
 Calculated Hoop Stress (psi):

191.192
 29046.47

Figures 4-15 were prepared by collecting data according to material type, and reducing the data to a series of quadratic equations that include stretch, crystallization temperature, and balloon blowing 5 temperature as dependant variables. The equations were then plotted using a statistical design of experiments program called ECHIP[®]. Response variables of interest were then plotted.

With regard to Figures 4-15, the balloons were 10 expanded to two times their original length in the axial direction.

The foregoing specification and figures are presented for the purpose of illustrating, and not limiting, the present invention.

CLAIMS

1. A balloon for an angioplasty device having a single polymeric layer comprising (a) from about 20 to about 100 weight percent polyetheretheramide copolymer,
5 and (b) from about 0 to about 80 weight percent polyamide; wherein the polymeric layer contains substantially no polyetheramide having substantially no ester linkages.
2. The balloon of claim 1 wherein the
10 polyetheretheramide copolymer comprises a block copolymer.
3. The balloon of claim 1 wherein the polyetheretheramide copolymer comprises a random copolymer.
- 15 4. The balloon of claim 1 wherein the polyetheretheramide copolymer has a hardness of from about 45 Shore D to about 78 Shore D.
5. The balloon of claim 4 wherein the polyetheretheramide copolymer has a hardness of from
20 about 55 Shore D to about 75 Shore D.
6. The balloon of claim 5 wherein the polyetheretheramide copolymer has a hardness of from about 63 to about 72 Shore D.
7. The balloon of claim 6 wherein the
25 polyetheretheramide copolymer has a hardness selected from about 63 Shore D, about 70 Shore D, and about 72 Shore D.
8. The balloon of claim 1 wherein the single
30 polymeric layer comprises at least about 2 weight percent polyamide.

9. The balloon of claim 8 wherein the polyamide is selected from the group consisting of nylon 12, nylon 11, nylon 6, nylon 6/6, nylon 4/6, and combinations thereof.

10. The balloon of claim 9 comprising from about 20
5 to about 80 weight percent nylon 12 and about 20 to about
80 weight percent polyesteretheramide copolymer.

11. The balloon of claim 10 comprising about 60
weight percent nylon 12 and about 40 weight percent
polyesteretheramide copolymer.

10 12. The balloon of claim 9 comprising from about 25
to about 80 weight percent nylon 4/6 and about 20 to
about 75 weight percent polyesteretheramide copolymer.

13. The balloon of claim 12 comprising about 65
weight percent nylon 4/6 and about 35 weight percent
15 polyesteretheramide copolymer.

14. The balloon of claim 1 wherein the single
polymeric layer further comprises at least about 2 weight
percent of a polymer selected from polyester copolymer,
polyurethane copolymer, polyethylene, and combinations
20 thereof.

15. The balloon of claim 1 wherein the polymeric
layer comprises at least about 40 weight percent
polyesteretheramide copolymer.

16. The balloon of claim 15 wherein the polymeric
25 layer comprises at least about 80 weight percent
polyesteretheramide copolymer.

17. A balloon for an angioplasty device having a
single polymeric layer consisting essentially of a
polyesteretheramide copolymer.

18. The balloon of claim 17 wherein the polyesteretheramide copolymer comprises a block copolymer.

19. The balloon of claim 17 wherein the 5 polyesteretheramide copolymer has a hardness of from about 45 Shore D to about 78 Shore D.

20. The balloon of claim 19 wherein the polyesteretheramide copolymer has a hardness of from about 55 Shore D to about 75 10 Shore D.

21. The balloon of claim 20 wherein the polyesteretheramide copolymer has a hardness of from about 63 to about 72 Shore D.

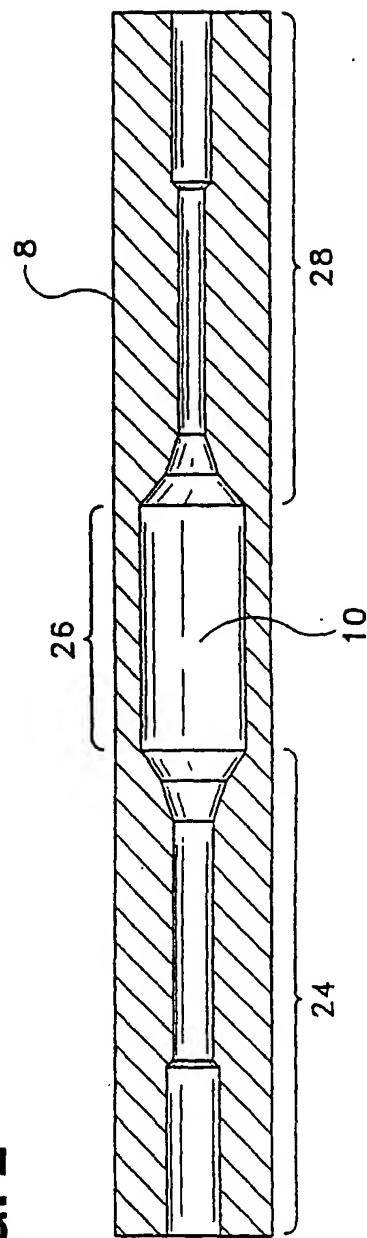
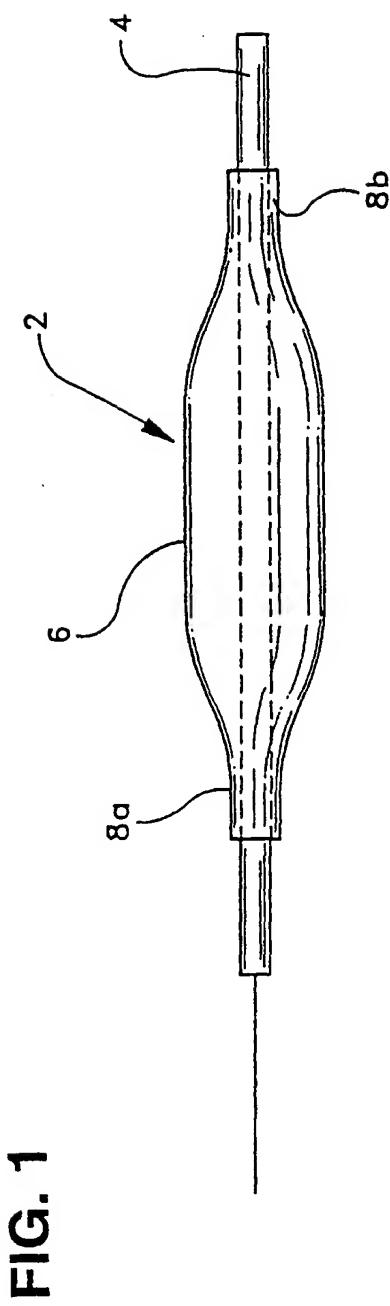
22. The balloon of claim 21 wherein the 15 polyesteretheramide copolymer has a hardness selected from about 63 Shore D, about 70 Shore D, and about 72 Shore D.

23. The balloon of claim 17 consisting of a polyesteretheramide copolymer.

20 24. A balloon for an angioplasty device having a single polymeric layer comprising (a) at least 91 weight percent polyesteretheramide copolymer, (b) from 0 to 9 weight percent polyamide, and (c) from 0 to 9 weight percent of 25 a polymer other than polyesteretheramide and polyamide.

25. The balloon of claim 24 comprising at least about 95 weight percent polyesteretheramide copolymer.

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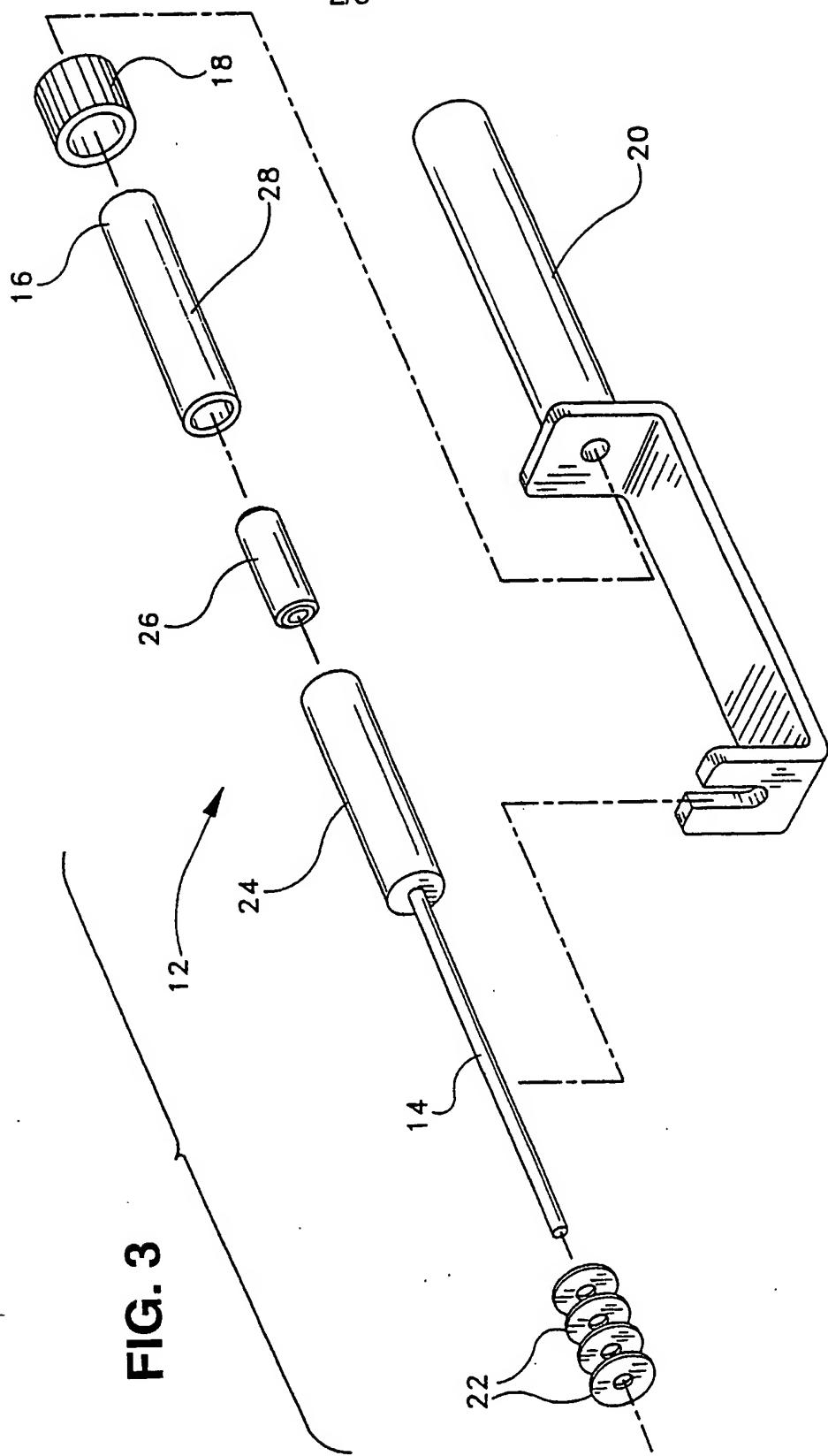


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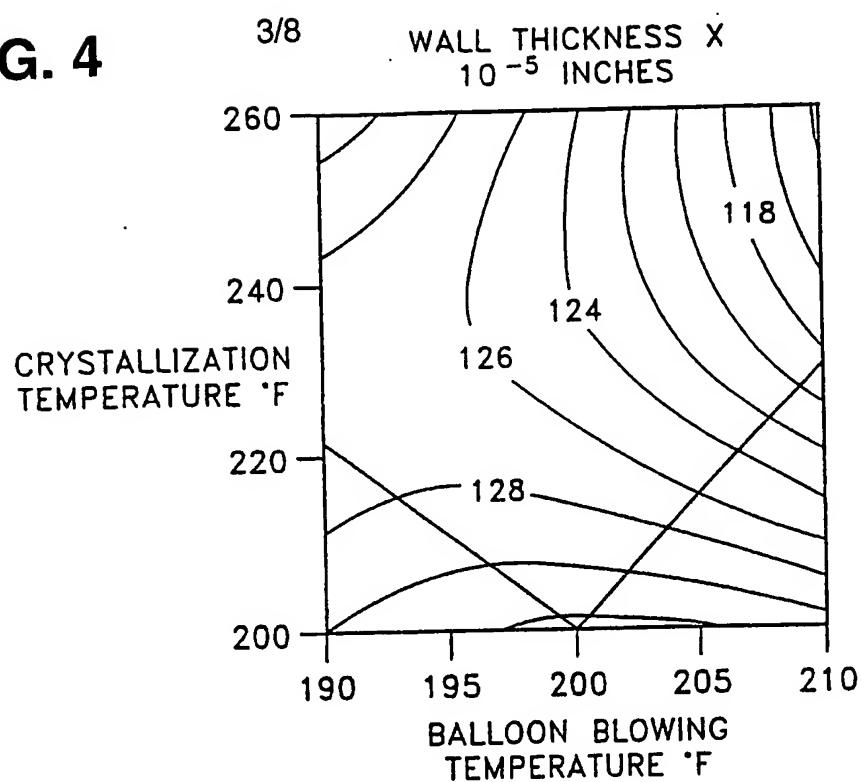
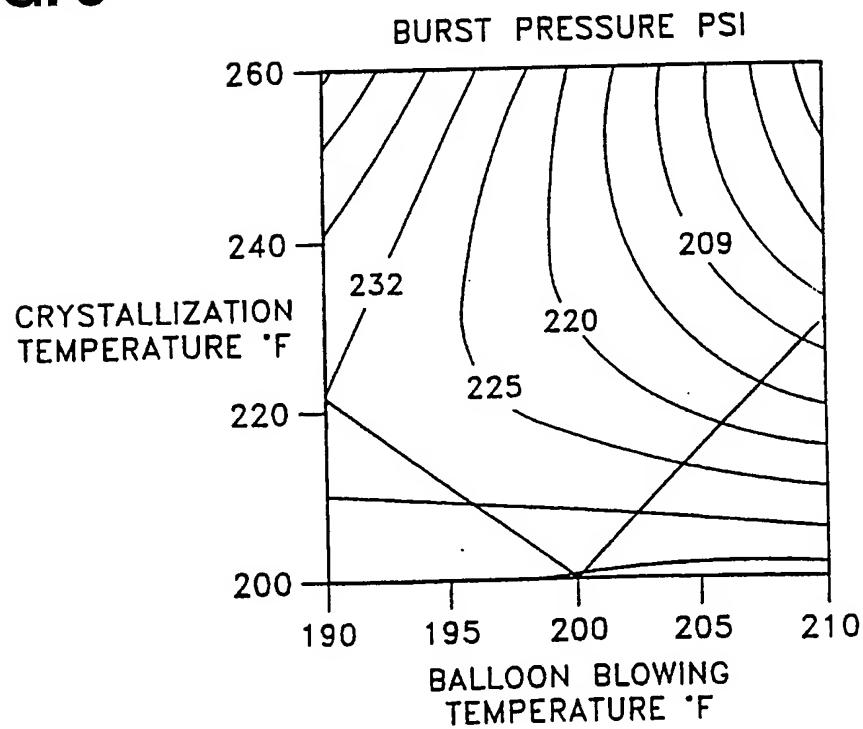
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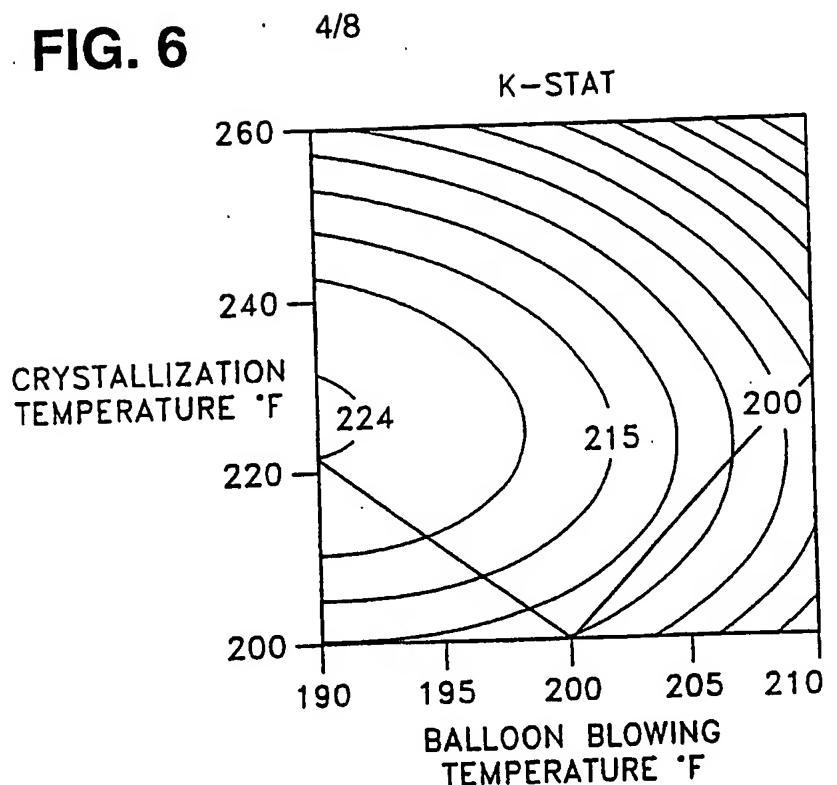
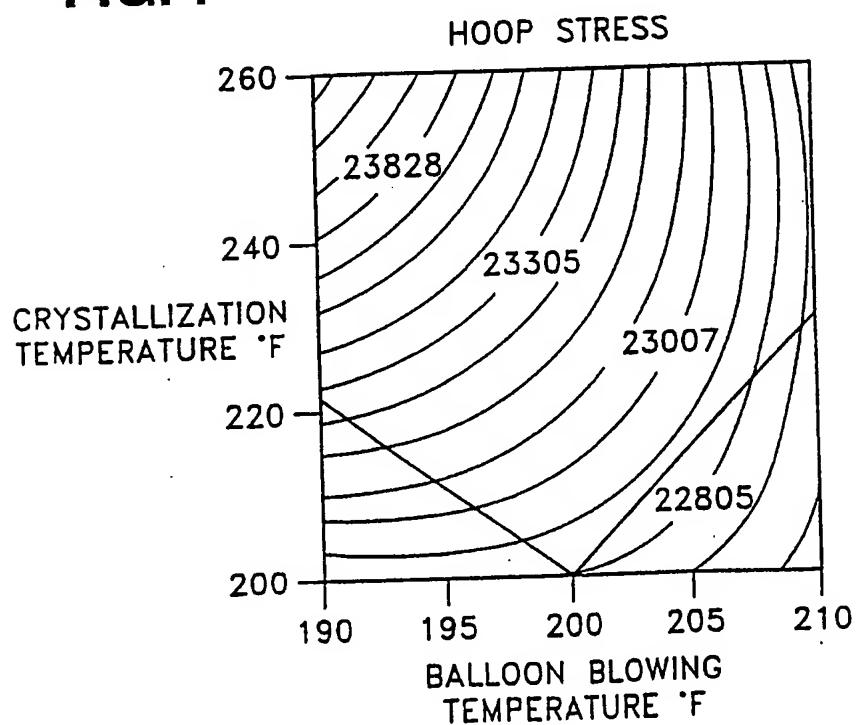
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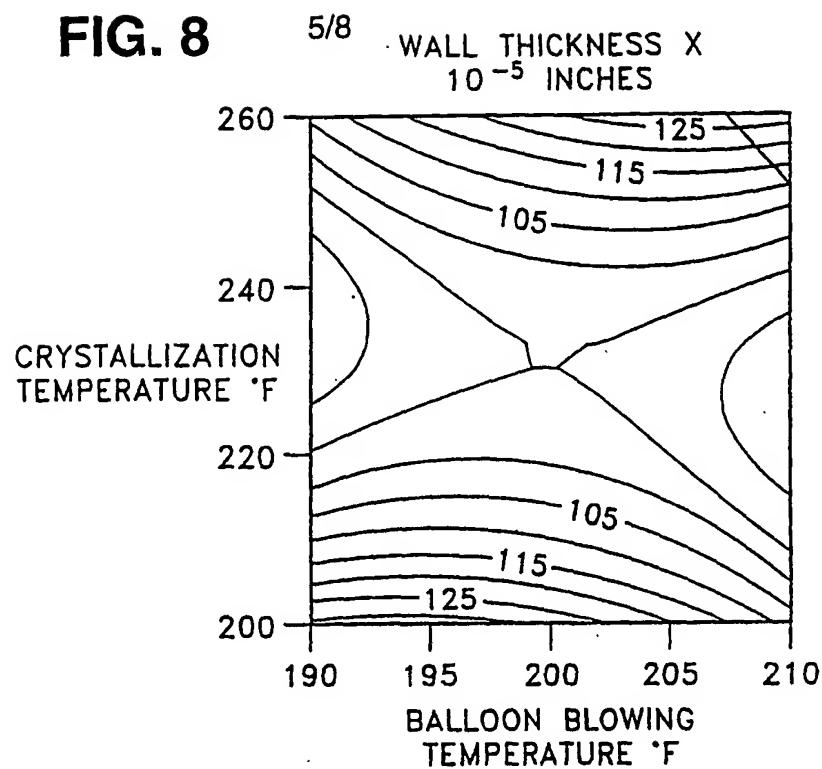
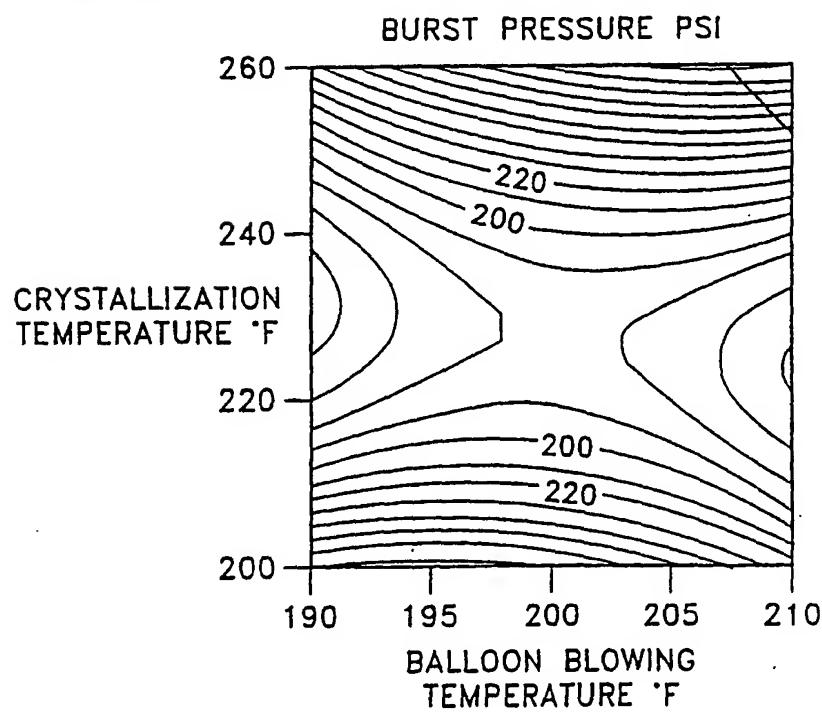
FIG. 8**FIG. 9**

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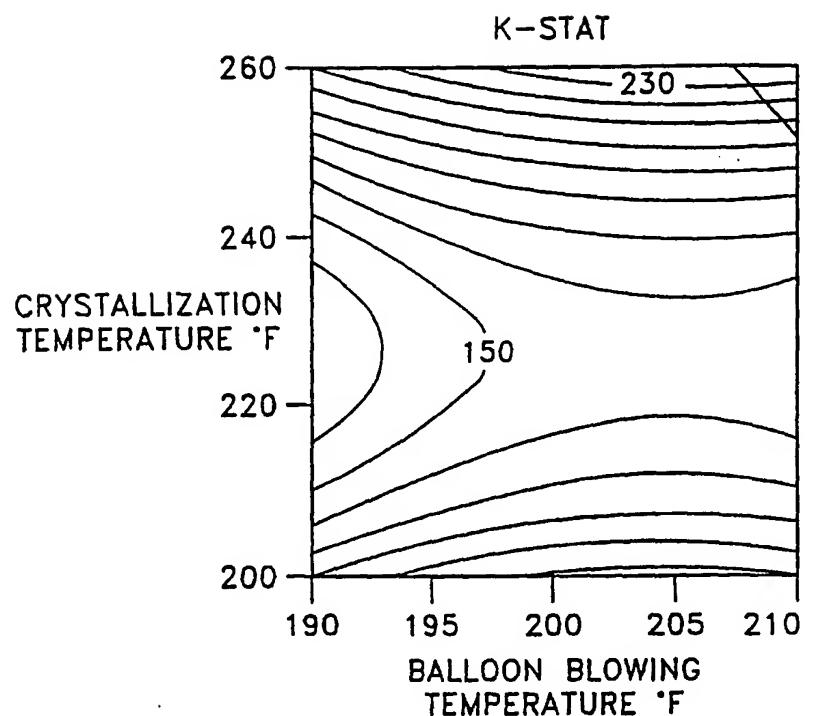
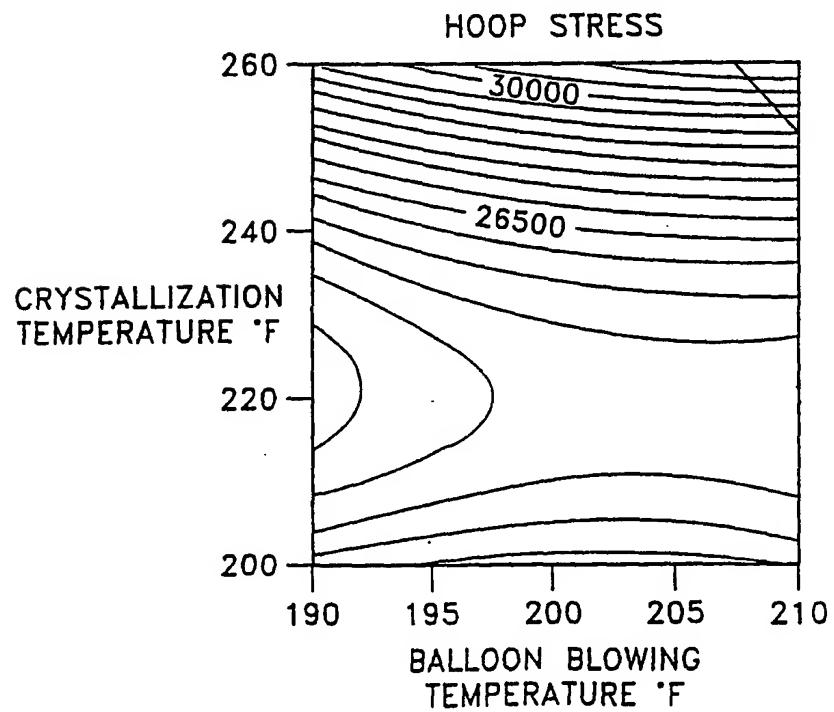
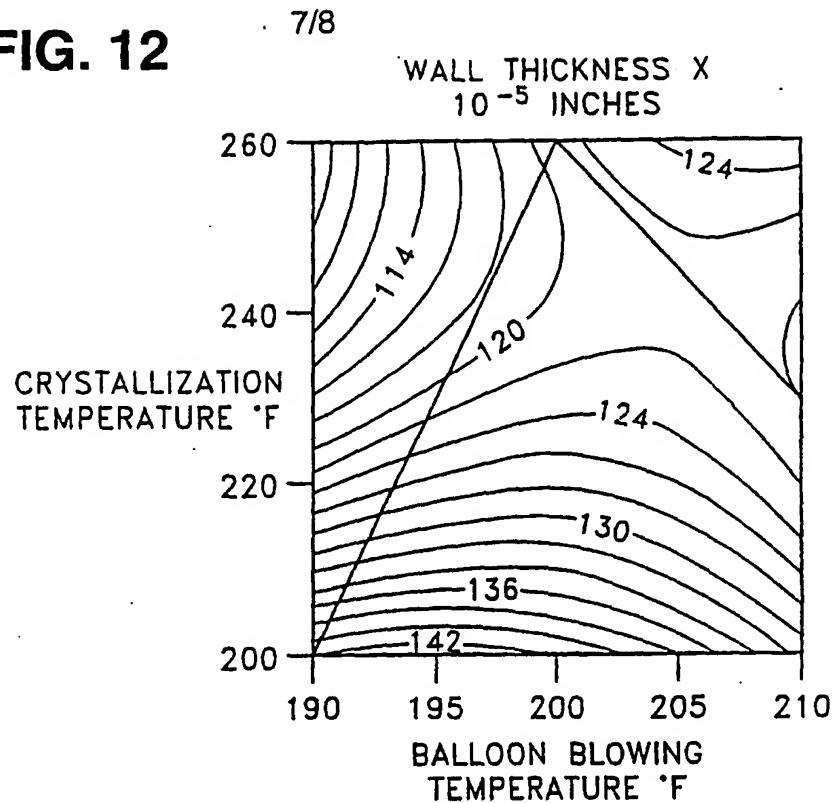
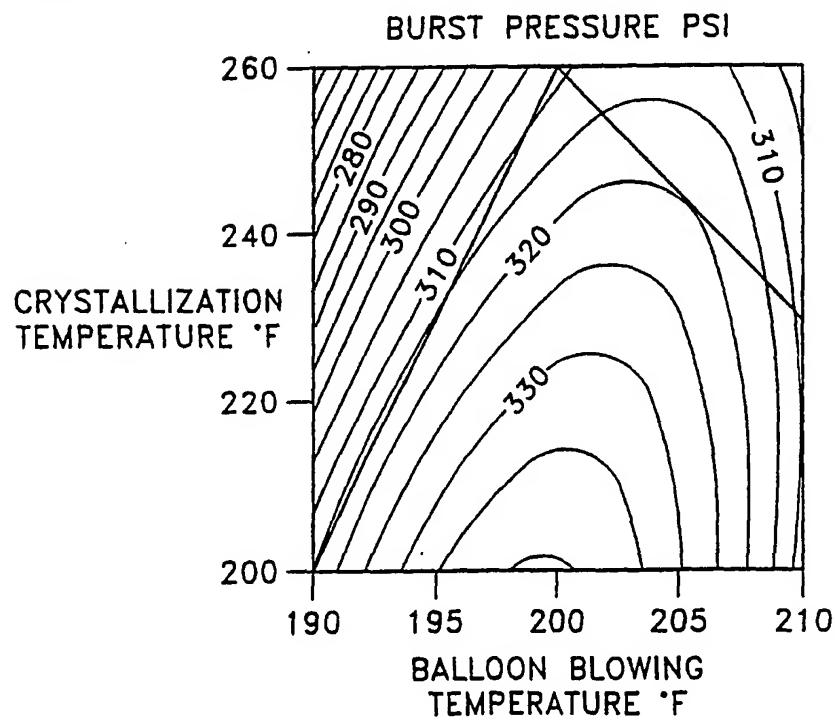
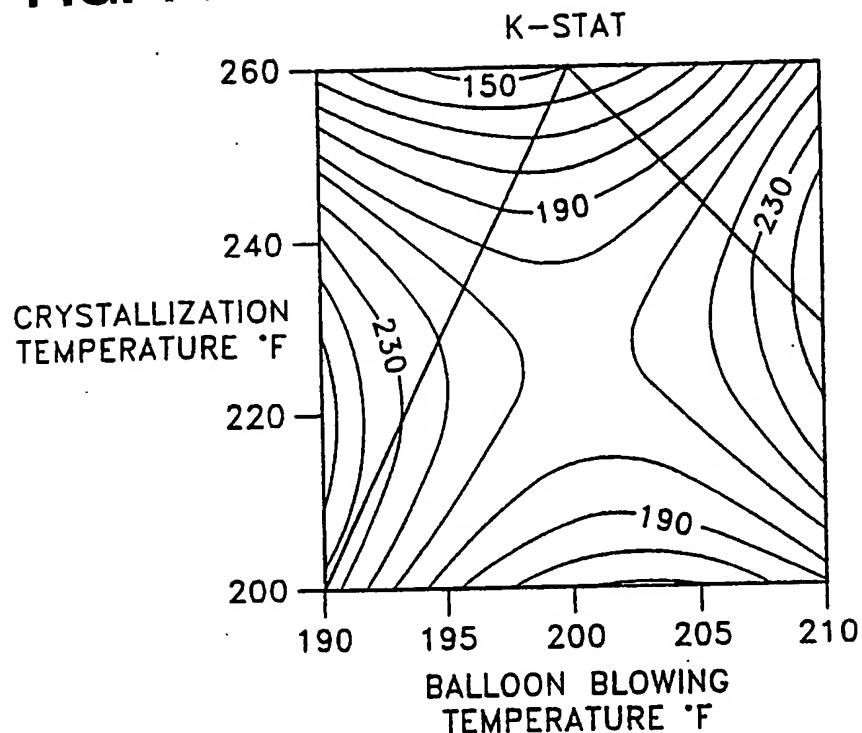
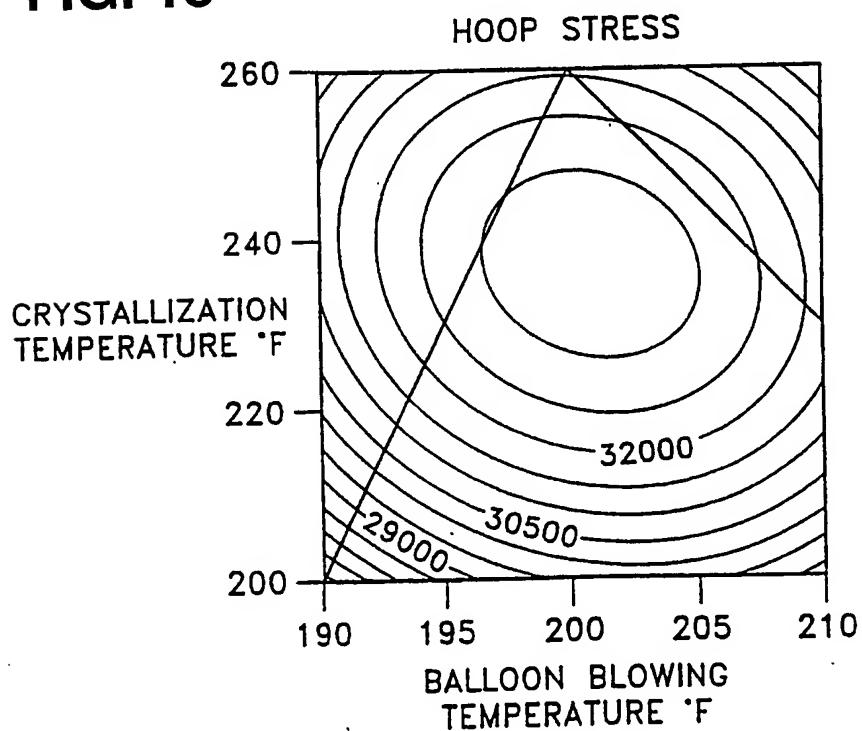
**FIG. 11**

FIG. 12**FIG. 13**

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FIG. 14**FIG. 15**

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